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A jumble of cars remains near Barcelona yesterday as floodwaters recede after three days of heavy rain in Catalonia left three people dead. (U.S. weather - page 3). (AFP)

State Department responds to Likud criticism:

'Shultz accommodations insignificant'

By WOLF BLITZER
and MENACHEM SHALEV
State Department officials yesterday said that any decision by Secretary of State George Shultz to stay at the Herzliya residence of U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering instead of at a hotel in Jerusalem would have no political significance whatsoever.

When news came out of Shultz's accommodation plans there was anger in Likud circles. MK Haim Kaufman said the decision "testifies to Shultz's attitude to the capital of Israel and to the stand which he will

take concerning the Israeli status of Jerusalem if negotiations are held within the framework of the international conference."

The Prime Minister's Office said last night that it has "no reservations" about where Shultz resides when he is here.

The State Department officials, however, insisted that the final arrangements for the logistics and itinerary of the Shultz visit to Israel later this month have not yet been completed. But if the secretary should decide to stay at the embassy residence, it should not be seen as

representing any sort of political snub to Israel.

In the past, the U.S. secretary of state has almost always stayed at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. But that may not be the case during Shultz's forthcoming visit.

Staying at the residence, a State Department official said yesterday, would simply be more comfortable since the secretary is planning to arrive in Israel on Friday, October 16. He has no meetings with Israeli officials scheduled for the following day, which is the Sabbath. (Continued on Page 9)

Ivri's son dies in plane crash; talks postponed

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. - Seren Gil Ivri, the 27-year-old son of Defence Ministry Director General David Ivri, was killed yesterday when his fighter plane crashed during a training flight over the Negev.

David Ivri, 53, formerly Air Force commander and deputy chief of

general staff, was heading the Israeli delegation to joint talks on strategic cooperation in Washington when informed of his son's death.

The talks were at once postponed to enable him to return to Israel for the funeral. U.S. and Israeli officials said that the three days of talks, scheduled to begin yesterday, would

be postponed until Ivri could participate.

The talks were being held under the auspices of two bilateral U.S.-Israel forums: the Joint Agency for Security Planning and the Joint Political-Military Group. Ivri was accompanied to Washington by senior Defence and Foreign Ministry officials.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, certain of a second six-year-term at the helm of the country, casts his ballot in yesterday's plebiscite vote. Mubarak, 59, as the only candidate, had backing from across the political spectrum. (AFP)

Frustrated U.S. Jews plan new lobby group

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israeli leaders accustomed to mobilizing political support in Washington through Aipac, may soon be faced with an American Jewish political pressure group in Jerusalem called "Ipaic," or Israel Political Action Committee.

Some American Jewish leaders who have become frustrated at their inability to persuade Israel's political parties to drop the issue of Who is a Jew, have begun to think about setting up an American Jewish lobby in Israel to work full-time on crucial issues in Israel-Diaspora relations.

The envisioned lobby, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned, is tentatively called Ipaic. Although the name suggests a counterpart to Aipac, the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee, no formal connection is intended.

The idea of setting up an Ipaic has been discussed recently by Jewish community federation leaders, who have taken the lead in opposing any changes in the Law of Return aimed at denying the legitimacy of conversions to Judaism performed abroad by non-Orthodox rabbis.

Alleged extortion attempt against Strauss Dairies

TEL AVIV (Jtm). - An alleged plot by a Ramat Gan resident to extort money and diamonds from the head of Strauss Dairies by threatening to contaminate the dairy's produce was announced yesterday by police.

At a news conference in Tel Aviv, Tat-Nitzav Shimon Savir, head of the Police Investigations Branch, disclosed the arrest of Yehochin Shimon, 45, for allegedly threatening to contaminate the products of the Strauss Dairies unless he was paid large sums of money. The suspect allegedly contaminated a small amount of leban but this was discovered before it was distributed to the public.

Shimon, a former furniture dealer, is suspected of trying to extort money from Strauss Chairman Mi-

chael Strauss. At one point 200 policemen were mobilized and light aircraft were used in the operation.

Savir said that in the end the suspect arranged to pick up diamonds in a cigarette packet in a cafe in Rehov Dizengoff on October 1 at 7 p.m. When Strauss set the packet on the table, the suspect allegedly dashed in, seized it and ran out. Savir said that Shimon had prepared a complex escape route and tried to foil pursuit by dropping barbed-wire behind him. Police Sergeant Na'im Cohen was gashed by the wire but managed to make the arrest.

A spokesman for the company told Israel Radio last night that the public need have no fear of Strauss (Continued on Back Page)

Sharon says Lavi not dead; Rabin says it definitely is

LOD. - "In my opinion the Lavi is not dead!" declared Industry Minister Ariel Sharon at a demonstration yesterday by an estimated 8,000 Israel Aircraft Industry workers. Assembled in the large car park of the company's main factory at Lod, the workers greeted his remark with stormy applause.

Sharon told them not to give up hope for the Lavi, "because this is the hope of Israel." He said that the aim must now be "to restore the vision, the momentum and the self-confidence of the country in its ability to perform great deeds."

Sharon appealed to the workers to act within the framework of the

law and not to "make things difficult for the police."

The minister said that such an important decision should not be taken in the careless manner it had been. Only some \$200 million a year was needed to keep the Lavi project going, he said. A committee of experts—not a committee of interested parties—should be established to decide what had to be done to make the Lavi fly, said Sharon.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that there was no chance of the Lavi being revived. He said that the political struggle being waged by certain ministers (Continued on Back Page)

Twelve Tamil separatists commit suicide in custody

NEW DELHI (Reuters). - Twelve Tamil separatists committed suicide yesterday while in Sri Lankan government custody.

An Indian Foreign Ministry official said the 12 were among 17 detained last week by the Sri Lankan navy on suspicion of smuggling arms into the island's eastern province.

He said the 12 members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam apparently swallowed cyanide capsules as all 17 were about to be

transferred from the northern city of Jaffna, a Tamil stronghold, to the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo.

The condition of the other five Tigers was not known. The government of India viewed the incident with "deep regret," the official said. According to the official, the 17 Tigers were apprehended by the navy while apparently attempting to ferry arms from the Tamil-dominated northern province to the eastern province which has been torn in recent days by ethnic violence.

Biggest ship afloat hit in Iraqi raid

DUBAI (Reuters). - The biggest vessel afloat yesterday suffered minor damage as Iraqi planes attacked four Iranian-operated supertankers in the mouth of the Gulf, setting one ablaze, in a series of raids that brought swift warning of retaliation from Tehran.

Shipping sources said some 15 tugboats were fighting a fierce fire aboard the 256,263-tonne Cypriot tanker *Shining Star* after yesterday's raid on Hormuz terminal.

The Liberian-flag *Seawise Giant*, at 564,739-tonnes the largest ship afloat, suffered minor damage in the attack.

The 237,311-tonne Liberian-flag supertanker *World Admiral* was hit by two Mirage fighter-bombers near the terminal, the sources said.

Missiles also hit the Panama-flag 183,526-tonne *Brazil Star*, but the sources had no details of damage or possible casualties aboard the storage vessel.

Iraq said its planes also attacked two other oil facilities and a revolutionary guards base.

Tehran Radio said a number of people were killed or wounded.

Last night Iraq announced that an Iranian surface-to-surface missile hit Baghdad, killing a number of people and damaging several houses.

A military spokesman said the missile fell on a residential area and vowed that Iraq would retaliate.

The only casualty reported by shipping sources in the simultaneous attacks on the Cypriot and Liberian-flag tankers was one seaman hit aboard the *World Admiral*.

Iran uses the vessels as storage tankers at the mouth of the Gulf for crude oil and products shuttled from Kharg Island oil terminal in the north, which has been repeatedly raided by Iraq.

The raids came as a convoy of loaded Japanese tankers headed for the mouth of the waterway after Tokyo shipping executives suspended Gulf operations. A Japanese official said nine tankers were leaving.

Some 360 kms. away, near the island state of Bahrain, U.S. aircraft searched early yesterday for a missing crewman after a helicopter crashed near the command ship, the *La Salle*.

Three crew members were pulled to safety after the crash.

Rabbinical court says Nakash can't go:

Judicial systems set on collision course

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The secular and religious judicial systems were set on a head-on collision course last night following the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court's decision to reject the attorney general's request that it rescind its outstanding order barring William Nakash from leaving the country.

Justice Ministry officials, headed by Attorney-General Yosef Harish, are to decide within the next few days whether to ignore the religious tribunal's decision and extradite Nakash to France, where he is wanted for the 1983 murder of an Arab. Such a move is sure to create a hostile confrontation between the religious and secular sectors in the country.

The ministry may also decide to appeal the decision, either to the High Court of Justice or the Rabbinical High Court of Appeals.

Informed sources in the ministry predicted last night that no decision would be made before October 19, the date set by the Rabbinical Court yesterday to begin hearing Rina Nakash's petition for divorce from her husband William.

The Rabbinical Court's determination yesterday that the "aguna" (abandonment) of a woman stands above any rule or regulation" elicited howls of protest from the legal community and politicians from centre to left, who claimed that the court was "blatantly challenging the authority of the justice minister and of the High Court of Justice and turning Israel into a halachic state."

Religious politicians, for their part, praised the "humane and reasoned" decision of the court and blasted the "anti-religious hysteria" of the court's critics.

Nakash himself was transferred yesterday from Tel Mond Prison to Ramle Prison. The Prisons Service declined to provide an explanation for the move, causing apprehension among Nakash supporters that the authorities were planning to send

Nakash to France forthwith. But the Justice Ministry sources said that even if Nakash were to be extradited without further recourse to the courts, it would not be done "clandestinely." They pointed out that the French are required to send police representatives to pick up Nakash.

The sources added that if a decision to send Nakash abroad is taken, his wife and attorney will most probably be allowed time to appeal the decision before the High Court of Justice.

Senior legal sources criticized Harish's handling of the Nakash matter last night, saying that the attorney general had "put the state in a bind" by appealing to the religious courts instead of acting decisively and extraditing Nakash. "He doesn't want to antagonize anybody," they said.

The court's order barring Nakash from leaving the country was issued six months ago in response to his wife's stated fear of becoming an *aguna*, a situation where a wife is unable to obtain a *get* (bill of divorce) from her husband.

The court yesterday rejected all the arguments advanced by the attorney general, who was represented in the proceedings by Jerusalem District Attorney Yosef Ben-Or. The court said that even under the dictates of Halacha, the extradition order against Nakash was valid, but it ruled that the problems of *aguna* must be solved before the extradition takes place.

"An *aguna* suffers emotionally from sorrow and feelings of loneliness which even the most sensitive man cannot conceive of," the court's president, Dayan Eliahu (Continued on Back Page)



William and Rina Nakash meet at the rabbinical court in Jerusalem yesterday. (Harari)

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BRUSSELS	7-16	10-20	14-20	14-20	14-20	14-20	14-20
BERN	10-20	14-20	14-20	14-20	14-20	14-20	14-20
CHICAGO	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
COPENHAGEN	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
FRANKFURT	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
GENEVA	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
Helsinki	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
HONGKONG	25-27	28-32	28-32	28-32	28-32	28-32	28-32
JORDAN	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
LONDON	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
MADRID	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
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NEW YORK	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
PARIS	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
RIO DE JANEIRO	15-25	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23
SAO PAULO	15-25	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23
STOCKHOLM	11-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22	16-22
TOKYO	15-25	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23	19-23
TORONTO	14-24	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28	18-28
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered showers in the north and centre of the country.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	69	16-22	21
Golan	33	14-25	23
Nahariya	33	21-28	27
Safed	40	17-26	26
Haifa Port	52	20-29	28
Tiberias	50	20-30	28
Nazareth	42	17-26	26
Afula	47	19-29	28
Susania	54	19-23	23
Tel Aviv	80	20-28	28
B-G Airport	92	21-26	26
Jericho	56	22-29	29
Gaza	69	19-26	27
Beersheba	64	17-27	28
Eilat	33	20-32	31

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog yesterday presented the International Tennis Federation's "award of merit" to Shlomo Glickstein in recognition of his 25 consecutive Davis Cup appearances for Israel over the past decade. Israel Tennis Association chairman David Harnik officiated at the ceremony at Beit Hanassi.

The outgoing Ambassador of Belgium, Bob Lebaq, placed a wreath on the tomb of Theodor Herzl in Jerusalem last Friday as his last official act before ending his tour of duty. He returned home on Sunday. Lebaq, the first ambassador to carry out such an act of respect for the "visionary of the Jewish State" before leaving the country, expressed his hope that it would set a precedent for the diplomatic corps in Israel.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Harry Van Arsdale and son, Thomas Van Arsdale, head of the New York City Central Labor Council, Ed Cleary, New York State President AFL-CIO and former mayor of New York City, Robert Wagner, leading a mission to dedicate the Harry Van Arsdale Memorial Park in the JNF's American Independence Forest near Jerusalem.

Herzog to Denmark on November 5

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter
President Chaim Herzog will pay an official three-day visit to Denmark beginning November 5, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

Herzog will meet with the Queen of Denmark as well as with top Danish politicians. He will also join in the local Jewish community's celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary and participate in a special ceremony at Gilalei, the site from where Danish ships embarked in 1943 on a mission of salvation for thousands of Jews.

In another visit that has yet to be officially announced and which will take place several days after the president returns from Denmark, Herzog will travel to Britain to participate in the British Jewish community's celebration of Israel's 40th birthday and to attend a special dinner marking the 70th anniversary of the signing of the Balfour Declaration. Herzog is also expected to meet with Queen Elizabeth II.

Reagan thanks Peres

Jerusalem Post Reporter
In a letter received in Jerusalem yesterday, President Ronald Reagan warmly thanked Foreign Minister Shimon Peres for his congratulations to the U.S. on the occasion of the bicentennial celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Chief Rabbinate of Tel Aviv-Yafo

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

'Lived as a Jew, buried as a Jew'

Murdered IDF soldier is laid to rest

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAHARIYA. — Murdered IDF soldier Hanoch Deneman was laid to rest with full military honours at the army cemetery here yesterday afternoon.

Hundreds of mourners, including members of his family, several of whom were flown here from Holland by the IDF, attended the ceremony for the 27-year-old former Christian who converted to Judaism out of his love for Israel and its people.

In his eulogy, the rabbi who had performed the conversion, praised Deneman's parents for accepting their son's decision to convert, and for allowing him to be buried in Israel.

Standing by the open grave, the rabbi said it had only been a short time ago that Deneman had asked to live as a Jew and now he was being buried as a Jew. His father and brothers donned kippot for the funeral. A rabbi originally from Holland translated the prayers into Dutch for the family. The military rabbi said kaddish.

Deneman's body was found last Sunday in fields close to Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk, a week after he failed to report back to his army unit in the Golan Heights. He had apparently been beaten to death with an axe.

Police inquiries into the murder are continuing but so far without results. The murder squad established by Galilee district assistant commander Ya'acov Ganot is investigating various motives for the killing, including terrorism.

The military cemetery in Nahariya yesterday was bedecked with flowers laid the previous day by bereaved relatives commemorating the fallen of the Yom Kippur war. Members of one family who had come to lay flowers at the grave of a loved one killed in the war, expressed sympathy for Deneman's



The funeral yesterday of Hanoch 'Steve' Deneman at the military cemetery in Nahariya. Shown are the murdered soldier's parents, Henk and Nel Deneman, his sister Rose and a brother (C. Nutkiewicz/Media)

parents and his seven brothers and sisters.

A representative of the Jewish community in Holland who flew over with members of Deneman's family and a representative of Dutch immigrants in Israel were among the mourners. Scores of soldiers from the Engineering Corps, in which Deneman had served, were also present.

The commander of Deneman's unit, Sgan Aluf G., said Deneman had been a highly motivated soldier who had been anxious to succeed in every task in the army.

After the service, when all the other mourners had left, members of Deneman's family returned to spend more time at the graveside.

Two Nakash opinions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
MK Avner Shalev (National Religious Party) yesterday praised the decision of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court not to cancel its order barring William Nakash from leaving the country until he has granted his wife Rina a divorce. Prof. Shalev, a lawyer, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the matter of the extradition had to be distinguished from the case of Nakash's wife, Rina, who would be left an aguna, unable to remarry or to secure a divorce, if Nakash were to be extradited to France.

"Clearly we must honour our obligations to other countries with whom we have extradition agreements. However, we are dealing here not with William Nakash's extradition but with the position of his wife. The rabbinical court's decision was a very humane one and has saved a woman who would wish to remarry in accordance with Jewish law much tragedy."

Once Nakash is in France, said Prof. Shalev, nothing more can be done for Rina Nakash. No French rabbinical or civil court has the standing to force him to grant his wife a divorce, unlike the situation in New York, for instance, which has recently empowered civil courts to force recalcitrant husbands into complying with the demands of the religious courts, even where foreign nationals are concerned.

Prof. Shalev insisted that the rabbinical court was sincere in its declaration that it would attempt to persuade Nakash to give his wife a divorce.

"Considering the social realities of 1987, one should not be surprised that the Rabbinical Court does not show even minimal respect for the High Court and the secular judicial authorities," Law Professor Shimon Shetreet of the Hebrew University said last night in reaction to the Nakash decision.

Shetreet, who represented some of the petitioners before the High Court of Justice which overturned the original decision not to extradite Nakash, said that "the Rabbinical Court is a secular authority and, by law, must conform with the dictates of the Supreme Court. The attorney general wished to treat the Rabbinical Court with respect, and the court responded by ignoring clear-cut legal guidelines."

"This is the symmetry which we live in. What is legitimate today was unthinkable 30 years ago. This is the general atmosphere today among the elements which are defined as religious."

"The attorney general walked into a trap. The legal strategy in this case raises major questions. Retrospectively, it was a mistake to turn to the Rabbinical Court in the first place. The problem now is that to ignore the court's decision is bad from an educational point of view."

"Still, the attorney general can claim that the court broke the rules of the game and is not worthy of consideration. A body which shows such a lack of respect does not deserve it." MENACHEM SHALEV

First came the rains, then the accidents

By JONATHAN KARP

TEL AVIV. — The season's first significant rains fell mildly but steadily yesterday from Galilee to just north of Beersheba. In some places the rainfall added up to 10 millimetres. A small number of road accidents were attributed to slick roads.

Yesterday morning, a tractor-trailer skidded on the wet surface, hit a bus and then knocked over an electric pylon on Petah Tikva's Rehov Jabotinsky, police said. No one was injured, but police had to block off the road, causing traffic jams that held up Tel Aviv-bound cars for hours.

"It was infuriating because the police reacted slowly in getting the traffic moving again," said one bus

passenger who spent two hours travelling from Petah Tikva to Ramat Gan.

Later in Lod, a private car swerved out of its lane and collided with an oncoming bus, killing one of the car's passengers, a 35-year-old mother of two infants, and injuring two others. Police said, however, that speeding was the apparent cause of the accident, and not the slippery road.

The Lod area received the heaviest rain yesterday, with Ben-Gurion Airport reporting 10mm., or half of its normal amount for the entire month of October. Although there was a short downpour yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem, the capital received only some 4-5 mm.

Danny Liron, deputy head of the Israel Police's traffic division, said last night that deposits accumulated on the roads during the dry summer months, such as oil from cars or dirt, make them more dangerous when the rains start. "The dirt becomes mud, the rainwater brings out the oil and the result is a slippery road," he said.

The Public Works Department (*Ma'atz*) is undertaking projects to prepare for the winter, such as adding anti-skidding measures on certain highway sections and repainting road markings, according to spokesman Daniel Reiss. He added that *Ma'atz* is repaving between 40-50 km., including 10 km. of the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

Hanegbi angers Amirav in heated debate

The Jerusalem branch of Herut conducted a loud and sometimes angry debate last night concerning party member Moshe Amirav's meetings with PLO backers.

Prime Minister Shamir's bureau chief, Tzahi Hanegbi, claimed that Amirav had caused great damage to

Herut and had misrepresented the degree of backing and approval for his moves by top Herut officials. A similar claim by Transport Minister Haim Corfu elicited shouts of "liar" from Amirav, who apologized after being told that "only ministers can call other ministers liars."

Kollek to boycott Spanish festivities

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and other senior city officials will boycott the Spanish National Day festivities on October 12 to protest the Spanish consulate's decision to hold two separate parties in East and West Jerusalem.

War games stress cooperation among various military arms

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

SHIZAFON. — As Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and senior IDF officers at this Negev site watched yesterday, a helmeted soldier set up a Dragon anti-tank missile.

Another soldier picked up a jerrycan of water and damped the ground around the Dragon operator to prevent dust from obscuring the target during the missile's guided flight. Then he too moved away.

The operator fired. Rabin and the generals watched attentively as the Dragon scored a bull's eye at a target 800 metres away. Some spectators applauded, and one said: "If that had been an enemy position, everybody there would be dead."

But the Chief Armoured Corps Officer, Tat-Aluf Yossi Ben-Hannan, dampened the enthusiasm. The troops participating in the exercise were officer cadets. The maneuver was mainly designed to highlight the importance of cooperation among the various military arms, even at the platoon commander level. "It is impossible to attain a goal alone," Aluf Uri Saguy, the head of the Ground Forces Command said. "It's not only that one (corps) will cover up for the other's deficiencies — but that one can take advantage of the other's advantages."

Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Dan Shomron said that during the Yom Kippur War, Israel paid dearly for having failed to realize that.

The artillery started the demonstration by lobbing a shell right into a series of fortifications. The black smoke marked the target for the air force, artillery and tank

gunners. The tanks advanced towards the target, aided by the ripping sound of Vulcan anti-aircraft guns being used against ground targets. They are "the infantry's best machine guns," Saguy said. Closer to the target the infantry was sent in to complete the occupation.

The crux of the exercise came at the "enemy's" obstacles. The Engineers' Corps had to clear paths through a minefield and lay bridges across anti-tank ditches.

"This is the crisis point," Saguy said watching from a nearby hill. The engineers must coordinate with the tanks, which are there to provide cover, and with the infantry, which must control the earthen embankment controlling the passage. "It's a multi-corps gathering out there," he added.

The close cooperation continued inside the "enemy" position. Tank and infantry commanders kept in close contact at every turn.

A second war game simulated fighting in mountainous terrain. Helicopters landed troops in an area considered safe from enemy fire and the soldiers trekked uphill. Tanks were sent in after the infantry supposedly secured a passage but "mines" blocked the armour at a narrow pass, which reminded some of Lebanon, forcing commanders to look for alternative routes.

Artillerymen in one of the gun positions told Chief Artillery Officer Tat-Aluf Shmuel Reshef that they felt they were involved in a show. Earlier maneuvers within the corps were more demanding, one of the cadets said. But Reshef replied that the corps "presses you harder (in training) than you'll experience (in battle)."

U.S. 'finds' \$29m. to begin building VOA relay station

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Voice of America has come up with \$29 million to start construction of its broadcasting relay station in the Negev, informed sources said yesterday.

The fate of the facility had become uncertain in recent weeks as the parent United States Information Agency (USIA) was forced to accept serious budget cuts in several projects.

But in a last-minute reversal, USIA officials shifted \$29 million from other projects to the Israeli operation. That will enable the \$300

million venture in Israel to get off the ground as scheduled.

Last week *New York Times* columnist William Safire reported that the Israeli project would consist of "new, hard-to-jam" equipment, including 16 transmitters of 500 kilowatts each, with 22 antennas and a satellite earth station. The project is expected to take five years to complete.

Last June, the U.S. and Israel completed the details of the agreement. "We could not be happier in this partnership with Israel because it will result in a broader dissemination of the values that we have in common," President Ronald Reagan said at that time.

Erez to replace Sneh in civil administration post

By JOEL GREENBERG
Brig. Gen. Yehoshua "Shaike" Erez, head of the Gaza District Civil Administration, has been chosen to replace Brig. Gen. Ephraim Sneh as head of the Civil Administration in Judea and Samaria. He is slated to take office within the coming week.

Sneh stepped down on Rosh Hashana, after more than two years at his post. His departure was said to have stemmed from policy disagreements with the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories, Shmuel Goren.

Erez, 48, has been head of the Civil Administration in the Gaza Strip since March 1985. He previously served as deputy commander of the IDF liaison unit in Lebanon, a brigade commander in the 1978 Litani operation, and military governor of the Sinai area. He served in the paratroops and in various intelligence units, and did a stint in Ethiopia in the early '70s as a military instructor. A replacement for him in Gaza has yet to be named.

In other developments in the territories, two of the men killed by IDF troops Thursday when their car burst through a roadblock at the Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip were buried late Sunday night under tight security. Only a handful of immediate family members were permitted to attend the burial. The IDF usually bans public funerals for persons killed by troops, to prevent possible demonstrations and disturbances.

The third man killed in the inci-



Brig. Gen. Erez (IDF)

dent has not been identified because he did not carry documents. Security sources are checking whether the man lacked a permit to stay in the Gaza Strip, and whether his colleagues ran the roadblock out of fear that he would be found out.

In Jerusalem, police have obtained a court order banning publication of further details on an Arab woman who tried to stab a border policeman near the Old City on Friday. The woman has been remanded in custody for two weeks. Police sources said she was arrested about a year ago for attempting a similar attack, and later released on grounds that she was mentally unbalanced. However her involvement in a second attempt has raised new questions about her motivation.

Doctors continue sanctions at Beilinson and Geha

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter
Sanctions by Kupat Holim Clalit hospital doctors will continue today, this time at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva and Geha mental hospital, despite a call by the health fund's management to return to work.

After over a week of reduced services at two different Kupat Holim hospitals each day, the health fund's management finally met yesterday. But it did not make any offer to the doctors, who have been demanding higher compensation for implementing the planned second shift in hospital clinics and operating rooms. Instead, management denounced the sanctions, saying they

were "unjustified" and caused harm to patients. Continuing the shabbat schedule in the various hospitals, management officials said, would only interfere with "mutual understanding" between management and medical staff.

The doctors' works committee, which considered the call until late last night, decided to continue its deliberations this morning, but not to cancel the planned sanctions at Beilinson and Geha. The doctors said they feared the management statement was "only another attempt to delay a serious consideration of our demands." No non-emergency operations will be performed today and outpatient clinics will be closed.

MK says Koor official misused public funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Koor Director General Yeshayahu Gavish has asked MK Ya'acov Shamai to waive his parliamentary immunity after Shamai had yesterday publicly accused Gavish of misusing public funds.

Shamai, who heads the Likud fac-

tion in the Histadrut Labour Federation, which owns Koor, charged at a news conference here that Gavish had spent "hundreds of thousands of dollars" of Koor money for improper purposes.

Gavish categorically denied the charge and accused Shamai of "hiding behind his Knesset immunity."



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Chinese move troops into Tibetan capital

LHASA (Reuter). - Hundreds of Chinese soldiers and military police arrived at Lhasa yesterday as heavily armed security forces patrolled the Tibetan capital after a bloody riot last Thursday in which up to 19 people were killed.

The reinforcements, seen by reporters, arrived on special planes as China tightened security ahead of the 37th anniversary on Wednesday of China's army entering Tibet.

Chinese authorities in Lhasa have called for the surrender of "Tibetan separatists" they say were behind the riot.

The official Tibet daily newspaper said on Sunday that "separatist elements" had until October 15 to give themselves up or face severe punishment.

The warning was also broadcast on loudspeakers and in notices in Chinese and Tibetan in public places.

Yesterday, hundreds of heavily armed police patrolled the streets of Lhasa.

Reporters saw 10 trucks, each carrying between 20 and 40 policemen armed with submachine guns, drive through the centre of Lhasa near the scene of the October 1 riot. Some had machine guns mounted on their cabs.

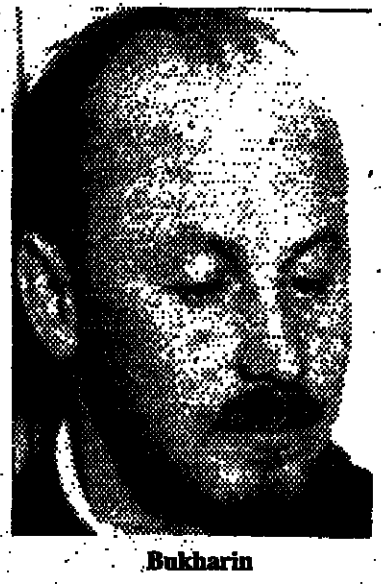
Tibetans said the show of force was meant to deter further outbreaks of violence.

Witnesses said a convoy of about 30 vehicles drove through Lhasa early on Sunday morning with several hundred prisoners, some of them monks.

Tibetan sources said they believed the monks were from the Sera monastery, sealed off by police since Thursday. A group of Sera monks, known for their military prowess centuries ago, led a pro-independence march through Lhasa's Jokhang Temple, Tibet's holiest shrine, on that day.

Their arrest sparked off bloody rioting for over five hours, during which a police substation was burnt down.

Witnesses said police firing killed at least six people. Reliable Tibetan sources said up to 19 people were killed, including 10 policemen. The official casualty toll is six dead and 19 policemen seriously injured.



Bukharin

Kremlin readies momentous rehabilitation act

By ANDREW WILSON
MOSCOW. - One of the greatest convulsions in Soviet history for 50 years is expected before next month's seventieth anniversary of the October Revolution. Within the next three weeks, the Soviet Supreme Court is expected to revoke posthumously the treason sentences passed on Nikolai Bukharin and other victims of Stalin's purges in the 1930s. Bukharin was executed in 1938, as were nearly all the other original members of Lenin's Politburo whom Stalin accused of plotting against him.

The rehabilitation is expected to cover "everyone who took part in the events of November 1917." (The October Revolution named according to the old Russian calendar, took place on November 7 by today's calendar).

By a convenient technicality, the formula leaves out the most controversial of all revolutionary figures - Leon Trotsky. This is because Trotsky was never tried but merely exiled by Stalin. The revoking of the sentences thus does not cover him.

The rehabilitation is intended to crown next month's huge anniversary celebrations, which will be preceded on November 6 by an important speech on behalf of the party leadership - almost certainly by Mikhail Gorbachev.

So momentous is the move in terms of ideology that the leadership could not undertake such a course on its own. Two choices were available: a pronouncement by the Supreme Court, or a decision by the Supreme Soviet (All-Union Parliament).

Gorbachev appears to have chosen the legal course as being the most expeditious and least open to opposition from neo-Stalinist diehards. Its profound implications were one of several reasons for his protracted summer holiday in the northern Caucasus. He went away on August 6 and did not reappear in public until last Tuesday.

While some of the Western media was propounding a fantastic tale of an attempt made to poison him at his holiday residence, Gorbachev was, among other things, completing a book.

Called *Perestroika* (Restructuring), the book will bring together all the threads of Gorbachev's thinking on the subject - thinking that has led to undergo numerous changes since he launched the concept of economic and social restructuring in 1985.

Sources say Gorbachev has had to recognize that the opposition to reform is greater than he first thought. (London Observer Service)

Salvadorans sit down to try to end civil war

SAN SALVADOR (Reuter). - The government of El Salvador and left-wing guerrilla leaders continued talks yesterday which they began on Sunday on how to end the civil war which has killed more than 60,000 people.

As President Jose Napoleon Duarte and the rebels sat down for their first face-to-face meeting since 1984, there was widespread scepticism here over prospects of success.

The two sides' key demands appear irreconcilable. The guerrillas demand a power-sharing arrangement and refuse to dismantle their military forces. The government insists they lay down their weapons and join the political process.

"We maintain our position," said Guillermo Ungo, president of the Revolutionary Front (FDR), on arrival at the airport on Sunday. "We come with a constructive spirit but the dialogue is very complicated."

The talks opened five hours behind schedule and deputy communications minister Roberto Viera said they could last late into the night and beyond.

Duarte declared two days before the talks: "I can never negotiate (sharing) power ... This would be against the constitution." The guerrilla delegation to the talks at the Vatican embassy here was made up of Ungo, his deputy Ruben Zamora, and FDR officials Hector Oqueli and Jorge Villacorte. The FDR is the political wing of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the umbrella for five fighting groups.

Botha approves 'mixed' residential areas

CAPE TOWN (AFP). - South Africa's President P.W. Botha yesterday announced the government had approved "in principle" the creation of racially-mixed residential areas.

Botha was addressing a debate in the white chamber of parliament on a top-level government advisory committee report released last month which recommended that local authorities be given the option to desegregate their areas.

Under South Africa's apartheid policies, the four major race groups of blacks, whites, Indians and mixed-race (coloureds) are governed by the Group Areas Act, which stipulates segregated living areas with separate schools and other facilities.

Although Botha agreed in principle to open living areas, he refused to scrap the Separate Amenities Act, which racially segregates beaches, parks and other facilities. Last month's president's council report also recommended the scrapping of this act.

The president's council is a top-level multiracial advisory body to President Botha, from which the blacks are excluded. It has a majority of white members.

The abolition of the Separate Amenities Act, which is regarded as one of the cornerstones of the apartheid system, would create "administrative chaos," Botha told parliament.

But, Botha said that minority rights had to be protected.

The shortage of housing in the black, Indian and mixed-race areas has led to thousands of non-whites moving illegally into white suburbs, particularly in the country's three largest cities of Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban.

Despite his approval of open areas Botha said that state schools would continue to be racially segregated. Scores of privately-owned schools in South Africa have opened their doors to all races. Botha said there was nothing to prevent the establishment of racially-mixed private schools in open areas.

Out of seven coloured, Indian and white parties represented in parliament and on the president's council, five rejected the report outright. Only the ruling National Party and the opposition party in the mixed-race chamber accepted the document.

The report was attacked by the liberal white Progressive Federal Party (PFF), which described it as a "great let-down." It was also criticized by Alan Hendrickse, leader of the majority Labour Party in the mixed-race chamber.

Hendrickse said he would be satisfied with nothing less than the total scrapping of residential segregation.

Will they succeed?

By HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY
TENANCINGO. - Like almost every other Salvadoran, Carlos Hurtado is holding his breath and hoping.

Will the talks offer any chance of bringing to an end a seven-year guerrilla war which has killed tens of thousands and produced a million refugees? Will El Salvador be caught up in the drive for peace that began when the presidents of Central America met in Guatemala in August? While they wait for the answers, the Salvadorans grit their teeth. There is no alternative.

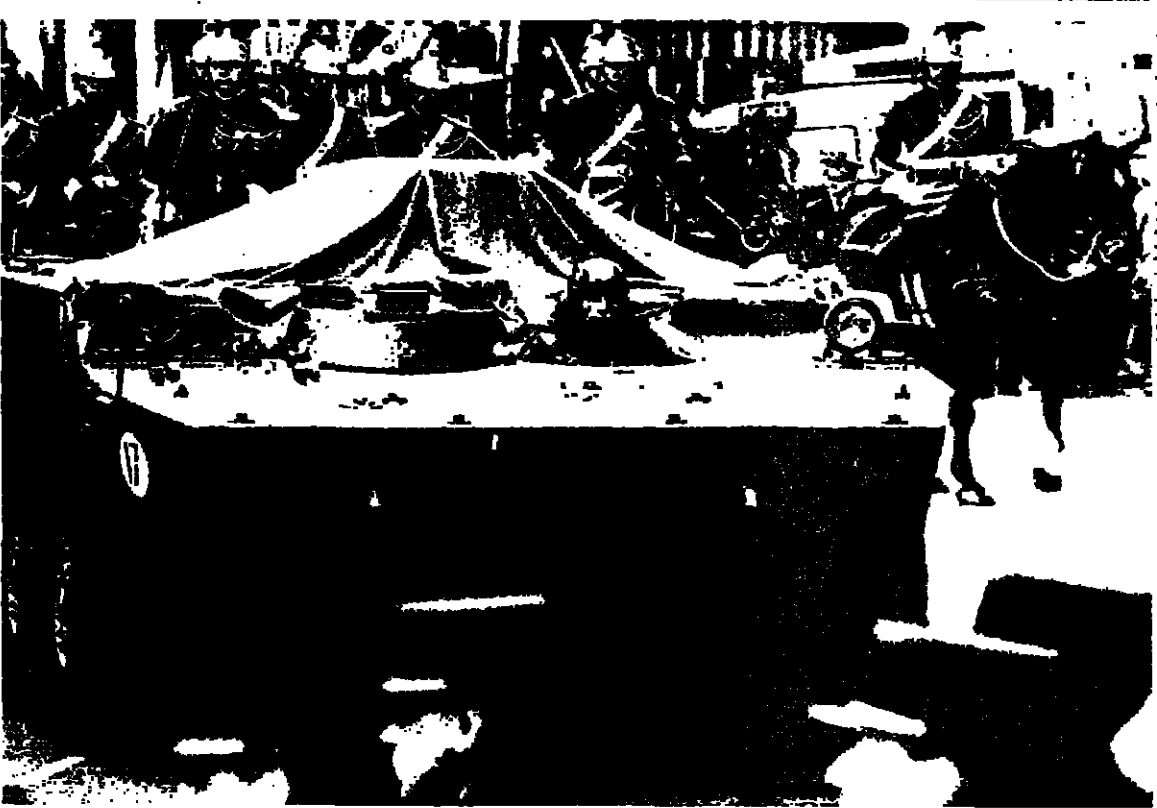
"If the war doesn't stop soon we'll be like Bangladesh, without the water," said Hurtado in his office in his sunny, deserted little town, 90 minutes drive from the city of San Salvador.

As the country's future is in the balance, Tenancingo is a monument to the Salvadorans' pride in their ability to work and take punishment. Once inhabited by 6,000 families, it earned a decent living making straw hats and selling them to the rest of Central America.

In September 1983 the left-wing FMLN guerrillas occupied the town for the second time that year. The air force bombed them out and the civilians with them. For more than two years, Tenancingo was a ghost town.

But in January last year the archbishop of San Salvador persuaded both the army and the guerrillas to treat it as a permanent no man's land, never to allow their men to spend the night there and to let the civilian refugees return home. The idea was to demonstrate that communities could be saved and rebuilt even in wartime.

Nearly two years later, 160 families are back. Carlos and his seven colleagues are doing out loans from funds sent by the European Community and foreign charities. They are attempting to revive the straw



The coffin of the author of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, French Nobel Peace Prize winner Rene Cassin, who died in 1976 at the age of 89, is transferred to the Pantheon in Paris yesterday. The remains of Cassin are the first to be interred in the Pantheon, where notable Frenchmen are laid to rest, since resistance leader Jean Moulin in 1964. (Reuter)

Escaped IRA murderer gunning for Thatcher

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - An escaped IRA murderer is feared to be gunning for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, with orders to strike during this week's Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool.

As Thatcher touched down in Blackpool by helicopter last night, police anti-terrorist squad officers said that they were taking "very seriously" reports that IRA killer Kevin Artt is in the area, possibly planning an air or sea-launched attack to bypass the elaborate ground security precautions.

Special boat patrols are being mounted along the coast, and RAF helicopters and planes are also scouring the area. Thatcher's own movements are being kept secret until the last moment.

Artt has been on the run since shooting his way out of Britain's Maze Prison in a mass break-out four years ago, having been jailed in 1978 for the cold-blooded killing of the prison's deputy governor Albert Miles.

German woman held for illegal \$1b. arms deal

BONN (Reuter). - West German authorities said yesterday that they had arrested a 53-year-old woman on suspicion of trying to arrange illegal weapons sales worth more than \$1 billion.

Helmut Pathe, a prosecutor in the industrial Ruhr Valley city of Wuppertal, said the woman had tried to sell 30 helicopters, 22 fighter planes, 200 tanks, three submarines and two frigates.

Pathe said she was arrested on September 28 in the Ruhr town of Haan. He refused to identify her, but said she had both West German and Argentine citizenships.

He said prosecutors believed the woman belonged to an "international organization" dealing in U.S., French and Argentine-built weapons. She was being held in investigative custody and no charges had been filed against her.

Big chill hits U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). - Temperatures dipped to near freezing as far south as Mississippi yesterday, while the northeast dug out from nearly 50 cm. of snow.

The region's earliest snowfall in a century dropped wet snow on autumn leaves, causing limbs to crack in the path of weekend travellers who thought they were going to view changing foliage and on power lines, knocking out electricity to about 900,000 customers.

In the East, at least five deaths were attributed to the storm. Two deaths occurred in Connecticut, where a large tree limb crushed the roof of a car, police said. Falling trees also killed a man leaving a campground in Copake, New York, and a man driving a pickup truck in Chatham, New York.

In Massachusetts, police said a Boston man was electrocuted when he apparently grabbed a downed power line lying in the snow. A 54-year-old woman was killed in a two-car crash attributed to snow-slickened roadways.

Hundreds of people spent the night in emergency shelters as more than 200,000 people in New York's Albany area, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont remained without power yesterday, officials said.

"The only thing I worry about is we might get a lot of rapid melting with that snow," said national weather service forecaster Joe Luisi in Montpelier, Vermont.

Another aftershock from the strongest earthquake to hit the Los Angeles area in 16 years and a third day of record autumn heat did little yesterday to soothe the frayed nerves of southern Californians.

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Row over shows to be held at Acre Theatre Festival

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE—A political row has erupted in this northern port town over the tone of three plays scheduled to be staged at the forthcoming Acre Theatre Festival.

Likud councilmen, led by Deputy Mayor David Bar-Lev, charged that the scripts cast a slur on the state and the security forces, despite the fact that all three have been passed by the film and theatre censorship board.

Bar-Lev has called for a ban on the plays and has asked police permission to hold a demonstration on the eve of the festival, which is due to get underway Saturday night. He maintained that the staging of the productions could harm the harmonious relations between the town's Arab and Jewish residents.

The Likud has already organized a petition, with a reported 1,500 signatures, backing a ban. Bar-Lev said they also had the support of the National Religious Party and some members of the Labour Party, in addition to several Arab residents.

The Likud's allegations have been vigorously rejected by Mayor Eli de Castro, the festival organizers and Arab leaders.

The latter warned that the only way Jewish-Arab relations would be damaged was if the Likud went ahead with its plans to demonstrate in the heart of the densely Arab-populated old quarter.

"This is obviously a provocative move designed to cause trouble, which could well happen if the authorities give permission for a demonstration," said veteran Arab town councillor Ramsi Khouri.

"I would like to see one Arab who supports this call for a ban on the plays, let alone several," said Khouri, a long-time member of the Communist Party.

On the contrary, he said the Arab residents supported

the stand of Mayor de Castro, who is a member of the Labour Party which heads the town council coalition, and had organized their own petition calling on the Likud not to try to disrupt their lives.

De Castro himself accused the Likud of trying to make political capital out of the issue, prior to the elections. Meanwhile, the festival organizers maintained that the fuss was all "much ado about nothing."

Festival director Avi Ifrach said the three plays, entitled *Zona Tzounit* (Zionist Prostitute), *Azmitim* (Gaza's) and *Bikoret Hatnot* (Midnight Criticism), dealt with local problems and national issues.

The scripts, all by Jewish authors, were fairly mild, he said, despite the titles, and were certainly less aggressive and provocative than plays dealing with similar subjects that were staged last year without any objections.

Ifrach charged that opponents of the plays had not even bothered to read the scripts before they issued their call for a ban.

The fact that all the plays stated to be shown during the festival had been passed by the censorship board proved that there was nothing offensive about them, he added.

Likud supporters, however, are not only objecting to the staging of the three plays, out of the nine due to be performed; they are also opposed to the appearance at the festival this year of the East Jerusalem theatre group El Hakawati.

Last year members of the Arab troupe refused to perform with Israeli flags flying in the background and reportedly took them down.

Bar-Lev charged that in light of last year's incident, allowing the group to appear for a second time would be a slap in the face of Jewish residents.

The town council has so far overruled the Likud's objections on all points.



Haredim examine hadassim (myrtle) and lulavim yesterday in Four Species market in Jerusalem's Geula Quarter as final preparations are made for Succot which begins tomorrow night. Below, youngster holds jumbo-sized "Yemenite Etrogim". Prices for the four species are generally less this year because of their growth during a shmitta year which theoretically means that only expenses can be charged. (Elihu Haraui)



IAI workers and the Lavi

The demonstration never took off

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV—The long-threatened "demonstration to end all demonstrations" here by Israel Aircraft Industries workers against the cancellation of the Lavi project suffered the same fate as the plane itself — it never really got off the ground.

But if it was an act of government that aborted the project, it was an act of God that prevented the demonstration from taking off. Heavy rains doused any passions that might have been aroused by Industry Minister Ariel Sharon's vow that "the Lavi is not dead," and Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i's claim that "the Lavi would be good for the economy."

Even before the rain pelted the crowd, there were barely enough people to fill the parking lot from which IAI employees are usually ferried to and from work.

A model of the Lavi, glistening with rain drops, was perched on a pedestal in front of a low stage. The backdrop poster read "Cancellation of the Lavi: A national mehdaf," which is that untranslatable word first used in the public arena to describe the catastrophe of the Yom Kippur War. Likud politicians have long associated the term with the Labour Party leadership. Yesterday

was no different, as Moda'i charged that the decision to down the fighter plane "was purely political."

Perhaps it was the rain, perhaps it was exhaustion, but there was none of the passion that accompanied all the past IAI demonstrations. On their home turf, the organizers were unable to gather more than a few thousand of the 25,000 IAI employees. And many of those who arrived for the start of the rally quickly chose the nearby IAI canteen, a veritable *cygnopolis* of supermarket and consumer goods available at "cut-rate prices for those with the IAI identity card."

The rally just outside the main gates to the plant lasted barely an hour, just long enough for Sharon and Moda'i to make their points and for MK Rafael Eitan to make a brief but somewhat obscure speech about pitching in together to make the IAI more efficient. The crowd seemed to be more interested in blaming other people, and would likely have heard more in that vein if not for the rain.

By the time "Rafel" finished speaking, the crowd was thoroughly wet and gradually thinned out. In the end all that was left were a few people waiting for buses and the large plastic model of the Lavi, glistening white in the rain.

Arab mayors may turn in keys in protest over finances

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHFARAM—Arab local council leaders are threatening to hand in the keys of their offices to the Interior Ministry in protest over the grave financial plight of the councils.

The recommendation was approved at a meeting here yesterday of the national committee of Arab local councils. It is to be submitted for approval to a full meeting of the heads of all 48 local authorities to be held in Shfaram later this month.

The Arab leaders are angry over what they describe as the ministry's failure to honour its promises to boost the councils' budgets and consolidate their debts, totalling over NIS 20 million.

Yorihim Nimr Hussein, chairman of the national committee of Arab local councils, suggested the mass resignation, if approved by the full forum, would make the Interior Ministry directly responsible for running the councils.

He charged that almost half the authorities had been unable to pay the September salaries of their workers, including high school teachers. Some municipal employees had still not received their August wages.

Knesset member and Nazareth Mayor Tufik Ziad opposed Hussein's recommendation, saying that that would be giving up their fight with the authorities.

'More children go to yeshivot to avoid school integration'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV—Middle class parents are taking their children out of religious secondary schools and are sending them to yeshivot, possibly in order to escape school integration, the head of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, Shoshana Bayer, alleged at a press conference here this week.

The result, she added, is that state religious schools are becoming institutions for the disadvantaged, while polarization in Israeli society is being increased by the kind of religious education the better-off pupils are getting at yeshivot.

Bayer conceded, however, that "we don't know how many parents really are concerned about their children getting a more Torah-oriented education, and how many choose the yeshiva because of social pressure or to run away from integration."

"Many parents don't want to send their children away to yeshivot, but feel obligated to do so because it has become a social norm," she said. "Even some of our members who teach at comprehensive religious high schools have bowed to social pressure — including pressure from the children themselves who want to go to the yeshiva their friends are attending — to send their children away."

"Of course, the fact that the state religious high schools cannot offer good education when the good pupils leave is another reason religious parents feel they have no choice."

She added that many subjects do not receive sufficient attention in state religious high schools — literature, history and a second foreign language being examples of subjects which are taught only half as many hours as in non-religious state schools — because the dwindling student body in the religious schools means less money and fewer hours of instruction.

Talked about girls, homework

Army helicopter rescues two boys afloat in Dead Sea

By ANDY COURT
For The Jerusalem Post

Two teenagers from Kibbutz Ein Gedi who floated in the Dead Sea for eight hours Sunday before being rescued by an army helicopter said yesterday that they talked about homework and girls and thought about Coca-Cola while clutching a life-preserver in the middle of the most saline sea in the world.

Alon Samira, 15, and Oded Levinger, 16, were among a group of kibbutz youth who were sailing in two boats when a strong wind hit at about 4 p.m. Sunday. Samira's boat turned over, and Levinger jumped into the water with a life preserver to help him when he saw that Samira was having difficulty reaching the second, larger sailboat.

The strong wind, meanwhile, broke the second boat's mast. The two boys holding onto the life-preserver drifted out of sight of the boat's crew. The other youths returned to shore and summoned help. But darkness set in as the search progressed.

"We didn't have any water, and we were taking in all this salt," Samira said on Israel Television's Erev Hadash programme. "We were afraid of dehydrating."

Army helicopters scanned the waters with search lights and a plane dropped flares. Kibbutz members spread out along the shore in case the boys should arrive. Others waited anxiously in the dining hall for some news.

Not until shortly before 1 a.m. did a kibbutz rescue boat spot the boys. Aside from dehydration, exhaustion, and an eye infection, they were in good health.

The boys said on national radio that they talked about ordinary things while floating in the water—things like homework and girls they knew. Samira said that he thought about a container of Coca-Cola in his parents' house.

The army estimated yesterday that the search cost NIS 190,000. The two boys returned early yesterday morning to the kibbutz where members greeted them as if they had almost been lost for good.

Six deaths revealed

Israeli's Aids programme to be taught in Hungary

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Hungarian health ministry officials have admitted — apparently for the first time in public — that six people have died from Aids and that an additional 19 have contracted the disease. A total of 137 persons have been found to have Aids antibodies.

The information was revealed to Inon Schenker, a student at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health, who has designed an internationally acclaimed programme for teaching about Aids to teenagers. Earlier this year, the European section of the World Health Organization recommended that member nations consider adoption of the programme.

Schenker, who returned last week from a private visit to Hungary, met with the heads of the Hungarian Institute of Public Health and Educa-

tion, which is part of the health ministry. They admitted to being very worried about Aids, and said they had placed announcements on TV explaining how to avoid the illness. Schenker said on his return that his programme will be tried in a dozen Hungarian elementary and high schools. If well received, it will be taught to all sixth- to 12th graders. Hungary, with its 10 million foreign tourists a year (mostly from Communist bloc countries), has not yet decided whether to require all visitors to undergo Aids tests. But anyone arrested for drug-related or sexual crimes undergoes mandatory testing. The authorities are also considering mandatory testing for all pregnant women.

The officials say they hope that with improved relations with Israel, cooperation on such medical projects can be promoted, Schenker said.

Yad Vashem honours two Polish righteous gentiles

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two Polish righteous gentiles were honoured with tree plantings at Yad Vashem last week.

Jozef Celej, 82, was a ticket seller at a Warsaw railway station. In the spring of 1943, he noticed a girl of about 11 in the waiting room, who looked hungry and lost. He realized that she was a Jewish child who had escaped from the ghetto, and took her home and fed her.

Celej kept the girl, Batya, at his house until the liberation of Warsaw, in January 1945, telling neighbours that she was a cousin from a distant village. After the war, Batya came to Israel, married and raised a family. Batya Levinson kept in touch with her saviour and also visited him in Poland. She died a few years ago.

Celej also saved another Jewish girl, Sabina Grutnick, and provided her with Aryan papers. He is here at the invitation of a Haifa woman, who has no connections with the rescues, but met him during a trip to Poland.

The other honourees were Mieczslaw and Halina Szaszkiewicz who took in Nina Ekhajzer, then 14, who had hidden in the ruins of the Warsaw ghetto in May 1943. Altogether, the two sheltered six Jews in their flat and later transferred them to a specially built bunker in a village near Warsaw. All six survived the war.

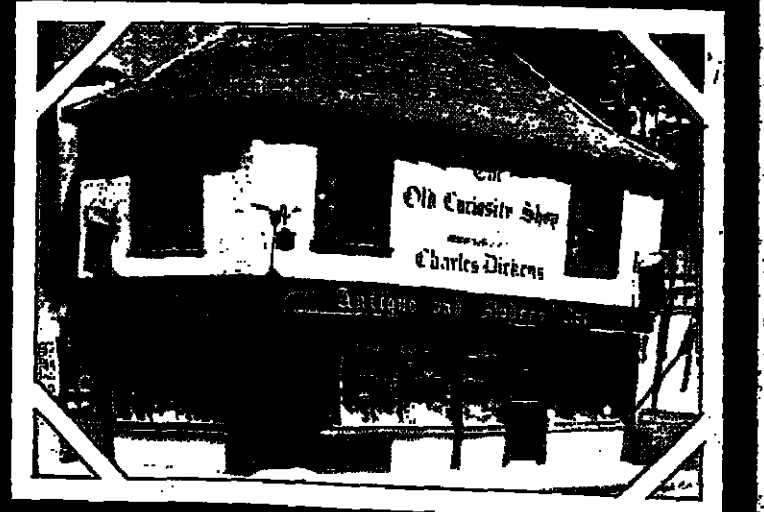
Mieczslaw Szaszkiewicz has since died, but his wife Halina was at Yad Vashem, where she met Nina Ekhajzer and her children and grandchildren.

Jerusalem distributing roofing for succas

Jerusalemites who have not yet found thatching (*sachach*) for the roofs of their succot can find some at 50 distribution points throughout the city. The material is being made available free of charge at neigh-

bourhood community centres and shopping centres. Mayor Teddy Kollek and the Chief Rabbinate of Israel have urged the public not to break branches off trees.

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'Albania is not closed'

TIRANA. (Reuters). - The hard-line communist state of Albania is cautiously opening its borders to a growing number of curious travelers.

"We welcome foreigners," said Shkelqim Begari, an official who often meets visiting journalists. "Albania is not closed."

About 3,000 foreigners a year visit Albania on organized tours, compared to a trickle of hardy adventurers and political radicals only a few years ago.

The tourists, mainly from Europe, pay \$300 to \$400 a week and are slowly gaining access to some of Albania's more mysterious aspects - exotic ruins, unspoiled nature and its unique political system.

More businessmen, diplomats and journalists are also coming as Albania expands its ties after a spell of relative isolation caused by bitter rifts with its former allies - Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union and China.

Swissair recently joined the Hungarian, Romanian and Yugoslav airlines flying weekly into the capital Tirana, slowly putting Albania on the world travel map.

Peter Humphrey

At Cafa e Thanës, on the frontier with Yugoslavia, there are two Albanian borders.

The official border is a sleepy outpost amid the trees with brief formalities - a simple declaration form, cursory search of the car, a smile and a wave from frontier militia dressed in green Chinese-style uniforms.

The second frontier, a few hundred metres down the road and round a bend, is a hermetic seal that gave Albania a reputation as a land of bunkers.

Schoolgirls in black uniform filled the noon streets, bound for home and an afternoon siesta. People took pans of stuffed paprikas and bread to be baked in a community bakery, its walls daubed with pages of Albanian magazines and a picture of Hoxha.

Teenage boys volunteered as guides through the cobbled backstreets past white stone houses in

the still-inhabited citadel, to show off the closed Catholic and Orthodox churches.

"Have you got a ball pen or some chewing gum," they asked.

The Albanian language is like no other, with roots, like the people, in ancient Illyria, one of Europe's oldest civilisations, whose scattered ruins are being unearthed by Albanian archaeologists.

On the plain appears Tirana, before liberation in 1945 a tiny disease-infested, mosquito-plagued backwater, but now the hub of communist Albanian political life.

Its Stalinist public buildings are set against Skenderbeg Square, alive with bicycles but few cars, and named after the national hero who resisted the Turkish invasions.

The Dajti Hotel, built for the Italian dictator Mussolini, is the traveler's comfortable retreat from the scorching sun.

At about \$50 a night, its regal spacious rooms with radio, television, telephone and modern bathrooms, seem cheap, as does a meal of grilled meat for under \$4.



Members of the Albanian women's militia parade past the party platform during the traditional May Day parade. (Camera Press)

USSR unveils chemical weapons

SHIKHANY, Soviet Union (AFP). - Soviet military authorities for the first time displayed a wide selection of chemical weapons this weekend to an international delegation, and demonstrated the destruction of a lethal chemical agent, in a move designed to speed up treaty negotiations.

A total 110 delegates, including representatives from the 40 countries at the Geneva Conference on Disarmament, on Saturday travelled from Moscow to the military facility at Shikhan on the Volga River. They were the first foreigners to visit Shikhan, the Soviet Union's largest chemical warfare installation.

On Saturday, 19 types of Soviet chemical projectiles were exhibited at the site, located some 900 kilometres southeast of Moscow. On Sunday, many members of the delegation donned gas masks to witness

Anne Penketh

the destruction of a toxic agent contained in a 250-kilogram bomb at a mobile destruction complex.

Western diplomats based in Geneva welcomed the Soviet invitation to the Shikhan plant, noting that up to one year ago, such a visit would not have been possible. The Soviet Union only admitted that it possessed chemical weapons when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced last April that Moscow was halting production and building a factory to eliminate the arms, estimated at 500,000 to 600,000 tons.

But some western military experts on the tour voiced doubts that the authorities had displayed all the types of its chemical weaponry. Defence ministry official General Anatoly Kuntsevich told the visitors,

which included reporters from Moscow, that "all of them, old and new" had been shown.

Soviet officials and diplomats expressed hopes that the Geneva talks to eliminate chemical weapons and destroy stockpiles, would be given new life after the Shikhan visit. But other western diplomats, while recognizing Moscow's willingness to open a military facility as a "first step," said the treaty talks would not be affected, as the visit here had not addressed the crucial question of stockpiles, on which the Soviet Union continues to maintain secrecy.

The U.S. ambassador to the Geneva talks, Max Friedersdorf, said, "There was a big breakthrough this summer" after Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze indicated a modification of the Soviet position concerning western demands for on-site verification, and offered the Shikhan visit.



Gas-masked foreign diplomats and reporters watch the first-ever public destruction of chemical weapons at the world's largest chemical weapons factory at Shikhan in the USSR. (AFP)

'We want them to leave Tibet'

BEIJING (Reuters). - To the Tibetan community in Labuleng in northwest China, 1,000 kilometres from the modern borders of Tibet, Beijing seems like the capital of a foreign country.

The town in Gansu Province, dominated by brightly-coloured Lamaist temples housing prayer wheels and seven-year-old novice monks, has not been part of Tibet since the early 19th century. But the local people, almost all of them ethnic Tibetans, have retained their identity in spite of their recent history, which a young monk described as "like a bad dream."

In Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution (1966-76), radical Red Guards arrived from cities in east China and attacked the temple complex, destroying two-thirds of the 2,000-year-old shrine, monks there say.

Beijing's policy towards Tibetan Buddhism is now officially one of tolerance, and the government has subsidised restoration work.

But distrust of the country's Han

Chinese majority runs deep. "We do not want their help. We want them to go away," said a worshipper, who appeared to make no distinction between the fanatics of the Cultural Revolution and the Chinese tourists and officials who visit the temples today.

Labuleng, lying in green Himalayan foothills descending to the arid north China plain, is one of the most easterly outposts of Tibetan culture. A few miles east along the only road out of town are Moslem villages whose language and dress are Han.

An overland journey to Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, where at least six people died last week during violent protests against Chinese rule, would take more than a week and pass through two other Chinese provinces. China invaded Tibet in 1949 and put down a rebellion there in 1959.

"Most people here think of this place as Tibet," said 20-year-old novice monk Jinba, one of the few people in Labuleng who speaks Chinese. "They are all Tibetan, and

believe in Buddhism. That is the important thing."

Visitors to Labuleng are shown a series of ancient or restored temples, and finally a small hall with modern murals depicting scenes of east Chinese life and culture, including Mao Zedong's portrait in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

The monks appeared reluctant to explain what the exhibition has to do with the rest of the monastery, or who had set it up.

"This room is not a temple," Jinba said.

"It is their religion which makes Tibetan people poor," said a visiting Chinese television journalist.

A young Tibetan, fluent in English, Chinese and Tibetan and studying medicine in an east China university, disagreed.

"Tibetans do not trust Han Chinese because of the past, and they do not feel free. I do not hate individual Chinese, but I am not interested in them."

"We would just like them to leave Tibet," he said.

Winnie the Pooh and Co. take on BP

David Langsam

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN, Winnie the Pooh and Piglet are off on a new adventure - to try to stop British Petroleum from exploring for oil on the edge of Ashdown Forest, right in the heart of Poohland.

They will have to take on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her pro-development Conservative government - and one of the world's biggest companies.

It is the first time that Christopher Robin Milne, now 67, has used his full name for any project. In fact, as the central character of his father A.A. Milne's books, he has lived most of his life under its cloud. It is hard to be an ordinary adult when everyone wants you to be their very special six-year-old with a teddy bear, so Milne has always shunned publicity.

He winced as I wrote his middle name in my address book. "Just Christopher will do," he says politely.

But the shy, charming, country gentleman has changed his rule just this once. Ashdown Forest, Pooh's Forest, is at stake and more is under threat than just his - and our - childhood memories.

It is the key environmental issue facing Britain, says Milne.

"It's not just because I knew the forest from 1925 when I was a boy and became fond of it then. And it's not really because the forest was the setting for my father's books.

"If Ashdown Forest loses the fight against British Petroleum, well, then there is nowhere in the whole country that is safe. England is an extremely small country, densely populated, with very few areas where the public can roam at will and enjoy the scenery. Once they start going to those who wish to look underground for oil, there will be very little left of the England of which we are so proud."

BP officials admit they face an emotional debate, but claim there will be no backdown.

The company's senior external affairs officer, Crawford Gordon, says public meetings have been held and the intention has been known for more than 18 months. He says that there will be no drilling in the forest itself. The site is on an adjoining farm and will barely be visible because the rig will be located in a dip.

He says BP is "an environmentally caring company" with an environmental department and a resident environmental scientist. "We are under no misapprehension about what is expected of BP," Gordon says. "We understand fully that very high standards need to be."

The Conservative-ruled East Sussex County Council, which has control over the site, three years ago banned all oil and gas exploration within the medieval boundaries of Ashdown Forest - an area of approximately 13,500 acres. Last month, the environment secretary, Nicholas Ridley, over-ruled the ban. He says the exploration should go ahead if it doesn't "seriously harm" the forest.

If East Sussex turns BP away at its planning meeting next month, the oil company can appeal. Milne is sceptical about Ridley's sensitivity to the environmental and conservation lobby. He says BP's environmental concern does not override its raison d'être - oil production, which in turn provides vast revenues for

the British economy.

"They talk about their concern for the environment so they can insert the thin edge of a very tough wedge and they are waiting behind it with a very heavy sledgehammer, longing to drive that wedge home."

"Any sort of OK to allow BP a little peep at the forest would really doom it to exploitation. Unless we say no and throw them out now, before they've even begun to explore, then we haven't a hope."

Milne says the exploration would mean roadworks across the heathland and the importation of many tons of stone for the platform.

He admits that it might be difficult to mount a boycott of British Petroleum products, but he hopes that all fans of Christopher Robin, Pooh, Piglet, Tiger and Eeyore will write letters to BP, the British government, the British High Commissioner, newspapers - anyone that may help save Ashdown Forest.

"If people could protest in some way, that might just possibly sway Nicholas Ridley. I imagine BP is fairly sensitive to public opinion, but I suspect that it's more sensitive to, er, money," says Milne.

The forest is virtually unchanged since the Milnes first visited it in 1925. It is close to London and is visited by thousands of tourists.

"Here at Ashdown Forest we have the best possible chance of making it plain that there are other things than oil and money which we treasure. Things that we have to hand on to future generations, which are worth more than oil and money."

"Our attitude to the world today, alas, is that the only thing that matters is quick money. The present is all that matters and we have no feelings for the future and for values other than financial values. It is tragic."

Milne says Britain has two major landscape classifications: Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. His forest is classified as both SSSI and AONB. In theory, it means they are areas where mankind does not intervene, does not build, develop or destroy.

"That counts for nothing if there's oil there," he says sadly.

Asked what the chances were of winning the battle for Ashdown Forest, Milne pondered the record of the Thatcher Government.

"Have we in recent years seen an example of the government changing its mind as a result of the public pressure?"

"They have ploughed on resolutely and regardless. It would be nice to think Ashdown Forest scored their first defeat."

Laughing heartily at the thought of beating BP's planned development, Milne said it was his most treasured wish.

"Oh, yes, I would cheer. I would go out and get drunk. It would be nice to think that this little child with his teddy bear being in part responsible for the first defeat of this government."



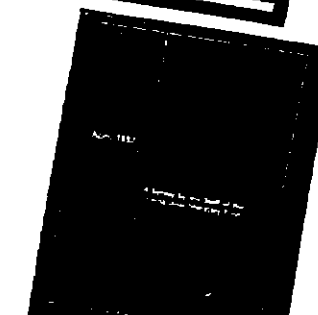
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Jehan Sadat remembers

NEW YORK (Reuter). — The last time the world focused on Jehan Sadat, she was mourning her husband, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, after his assassination by Moslem extremists at a military parade. Now, Egypt's former first lady lives quietly in Virginia, mows her own lawn, shovels snow from her own pathway and is building a new existence in the United States.

But in her closet are gruesome souvenirs of Sadat's violent death on October 6, 1981 — his blood-stained undershirt and military hat.

She was in the stands as assassins gunned him down, and she was the one to tell the new president, Hosni Mubarak: "It seems Sadat is gone. It is your turn to lead the country now."

"Sometimes I blame myself," she told Reuters in a recent interview about her just-published memoirs, *A Woman of Egypt*.

"Why didn't we pay more attention? Why didn't we protect him? Why didn't I insist that he wear the bullet-proof vest? ... But I believe in fate. It was his time, as he used to tell me always: 'When my time comes, nothing will stop it.'"

Elegant and composed, Sadat believes she will be remembered as more than the wife of Anwar Sadat, the revolutionary who became Egypt's president, the Moslem who went to Jerusalem, the man who in 1979 signed the Camp David peace

Deborah Zabarenko

accords with then Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Jimmy Carter.

She married Sadat in 1949. She was 16 and he was 30, a divorced father of three, the son of a village headman. Jehan had grown up as Jean, the daughter of a well-off Egyptian businessman and his British wife.

"Anwar fitted none of the classic categories for a husband," she writes. "His family was poor, from a lower class than mine. He was divorcing his wife. He had no home, no money at all."

But she married him. "When you fall in love, you never think of any other thing," she said with a laugh. "So far as there is love, it makes such miracles."

Sadat's real activism began in 1960, when she founded a women's sewing cooperative to turn out uniforms — and to give the women some sense of self-sufficiency.

She also organized hospital volunteers, led campaigns for day care, literacy and birth control, and was elected to a powerful, formerly all-male Egyptian government body, the Council of Munufiyya.

She was the first wife of an Egyptian leader to be seen in the media. She persuaded her husband not to

walk out of the talks that eventually yielded the Camp David Peace Accords and won him the Nobel Peace Prize.

Despite the criticism, and despite her vivid memories of the Moslem fundamentalists who gunned down her husband, Sadat does not feel at risk in Egypt, where she travels each summer to see some of her four children and 10 grandchildren.

The Moslem fundamentalism that brought the veil back to women in Iran is not so strong in Egypt, Sadat said, noting that many Egyptian women wear Western dress.

She herself would never agree to wear traditional Moslem garb: "I could put on a (long) dress and cover my hair and my attitude would not be perfect. I always believe in what is right between you and God, which no one will see."

Sadat faced criticism when she first came to the United States, where some accused her of taking a fortune from Egypt and charging exorbitant fees for lectures and university courses. She has denied those accusations, saying that 75 per cent of her speeches are made free of charge.

"The six years since my husband's death have been difficult ones for me," she wrote. "... I have neither asked for nor received any favours. I am making my way alone and with dignity. I am very proud as an Egyptian woman to do this." (Reuter)



(Elihu Eilon)

From booth to tabernacle

Michelle Mazel describes the hustle and bustle of Succot past.

ONCE MORE the sound of hammering is heard throughout the land as the people of Israel get ready for yet another celebration of the festival of Succot.

Children bustle importantly from their homes to the succa being built in the courtyard, carrying all the requisites for making it habitable, while adults squint anxiously at the overcast sky. There is a holiday atmosphere in the country and everyone is working shorter hours before rushing home. Succot, the Feast of Tabernacles, is often considered the nicest festival of the year and the children's favourite.

Three times a year did the ancient Hebrews leave their homestead and their town houses to make their way to Jerusalem in compliance with the rule set down in the Books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy (Lev. 23:37; Deut. 16:15). The first festival, Passover, followed the spring equinox; the second, Weeks, marked the grain harvest; and the last, the Feast of Tabernacles, the close of the agricultural year and the equinox of autumn.

The relative importance of the three festivals and their attendant pilgrimages was to vary during biblical times, but it is considered that Succot drew the largest crowds during the First Temple period. Indeed, it was at that season that the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle of Meeting were taken into the Temple, newly completed by Solomon. Centuries later, this festival was the first celebrated in Jerusalem by the children of Israel who had been allowed to come back after the Babylonian exile.

The immediate reason for the popularity of that particular feast in those early days is fairly obvious: With the year's labours done and the rain still to come, it was easy for the farmer to leave his farm and make his way to Jerusalem.

But there was another reason which was never openly acknowledged: The Succot festival was the continuation of the ancient Canaanite feast of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest which, safely stored, would ensure a winter of plenty. It was also an occasion for propitiating the gods so that they released the rains early and in abundance. There is a clear reference to the former aspect of the feast in the book of Deuteronomy:

"You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winneps...

and you shall rejoice in your feast... seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God... because (He) will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hand." (Deut. 16:13,14,15).

Nothing is said here of the prayer for rain, but there is an echo of that tradition in a curious text of Zachariah, one of the last prophets: "And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year... to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, and it shall be that whoever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem... on them there will be no rain." (Zachariah 14:16,17).

Something of the wildness of the ancient celebrations still remained in the singing and the dancing of the water-drawing festival, *Simhat Beit Hashoeva*, of which Talmudic sages were wont to say: "He who hasn't seen that joyous celebration does not know the meaning of the word!"

THE DEUTERONOMY text quoted above makes no mention of such essential Succot rituals as dwelling in booths and the Four Species. Conversely, the Book of Leviticus, which deals at great length with these two issues, dismisses the agricultural reason for the feast with a few words:

"When you have gathered in the fruit of the land..." (Lev. 23:39).

The text continues: "You shall dwell in booths for seven days... that your generation may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt." (23:42,43).

This is an interesting statement, and one which has puzzled scholars for centuries. Does it mean that the children of Israel dwelt in booths? There is nothing in the Book of Exodus to suggest it. It has been suggested by anthropologists that the booths were related to ancient pagan rites, and that the reference to the wanderings of the children of Israel had been included to blur the issue and emphasize the religious and historic roots of the festival.

It may well be that the strangely inappropriate translation of the Hebrew "sukka" as "tabernacle" and of "Hag HaSuccot" or "Succot," as "the Feast of Tabernacles," stems from the same principle. There is a reverent sound to the "tabernacle." It first appears in the English translation of the Bible in the episode of the Sanctuary in the wilderness told in the Book of Exodus:

"And I let them make me a Sanctuary that I may dwell among them, according to all that I show you, that

is, the pattern of the tabernacle..." (Ex. 25:8,9).

Tabernacle here is the Hebrew *mishkan*, dwelling place, its root identical to that of the verb "dwell" used in the same verse. But in "Feast of Tabernacles," the Hebrew word is "sukka," which comes from the root "shelter" and has no pretension to holiness or nobility; there is, therefore, in the Hebrew "sukka" a simplicity and earthiness wholly lacking in the pompous "Feast of Tabernacles."

One last word on semantics. Tabernacle has a humbler sister in English in tavern; both words are derived from the Latin "taberna," hut, and later, inn...

Today in the modern State of Israel religious and secular Jews, for once united, participate every year in the beautiful succa competition held in most cities; and there is a brisk trade in the Four Species in the days immediately before the festival.

Incidentally, the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius relates an account of an unusual use made of the etrog, that strange and beautiful fruit which comes into its own once a year:

The Hasmonean King of Judea and high priest Alexander Yannai was celebrating the festival in Jerusalem; but the people, opposed to his alliance with the Sadducees, were feeling rebellious and were on the look-out for any sign that he would comply with the Sadducee rite. And so, "when he stood upon the altar, and was going to sacrifice, the nation rose upon him and pelted him with etrog, which they held in their hands because the law of the Jews required, that at the Feast of the Tabernacles every one should have branches of palm trees and citron..." (Antiquities of the Jews, Book XIII, chapter XIII).

beats and a spasm of the coronary arteries.

Magnesium is found in large amounts in foods such as almonds, soya and seaweed. Vegetarians thus suffer from the deficiency less than others. The professor and her TAU colleagues are now working on research aimed at finding a method of measuring intracellular magnesium that may be required to prevent chronic magnesium deficiency in high-risk populations.

DON'T GO to the Afororis Hotel in a little town near Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia, says our Health Ministry, at least for the near future. Legionnaires' disease, that strange ailment that felled conventioners from the American Legion at a hotel in the U.S. some years ago, has been discovered at the hotel.

Six British tourists have come down with the disease, which is caused by a dangerous bacterium that results in infectious pneumonia.

A HERMAPHRODITE baby with male and female genitalia was born recently at Carmel Hospital in Haifa. The baby suffers as well from a number of other defects, and was born at a weight of 3.5 kilo in a normal birth. Such a combination of congenital problems is quite rare. Doctors say that they will have to wait to see the development of internal organs to determine whether the baby is in fact male or female, and surgery can be performed later.

PLASTIC SURGERY can be a dangerous business — if the patients are dissatisfied with the results of their operation. Dr. Mary Ruth Wright, a psychologist from Texas, found that patients — especially males — tend to express their fury at their plastic surgeons if they are not happy with the results.

Recently, three men who underwent cosmetic plastic surgery on their faces murdered their surgeons after the bandages were removed. Wright found that younger men were more dangerous than older men. People who seemed completely normal before the operation suddenly became abnormally aggressive because their image of themselves had changed. As a result, plastic surgeons are much more eager to operate on women.

Sudden drops in the magnesium level can be dangerous, she says, because of the risk of irregular heart

Take heart



Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

soldiers who serve in primitive hygienic conditions should be vaccinated against the disease, the researchers concluded.

THE McDONALD'S fast food chain in the U.S. has announced that it will do its bit to protect the ozone layer of the earth. It is changing its plastic-foam packages from those made with chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) to an identical-looking foam that is made differently.

According to a report in a recent issue of the *New Scientist* in Britain, the shift to the non-CFC packages will take place over the next 18 months in all of the chain's 7,600 restaurants in the U.S.

The company would not say whether the new packaging was more expensive, but promised that it would not raise the prices of its hamburgers and other fast food. The decision does not, however, affect the company's 1,900 restaurants in other countries.

The new packages are made with hydrocarbons, rather than chlorofluorocarbons which eat away at the ozone layer and increase the danger of skin cancer and cataracts by letting in dangerous rays of the sun.

The effect of the McDonald's decision on the ozone layer, while worthy of praise, may still be negligible, as the company's trash accounts for less than 0.1 per cent of the plastic foam packaging manufactured in the U.S. Burger King, McDonald's chief competitor, has announced no plans to follow its lead on packaging.

DOCTORS IN Denmark are warning against a new sort of mental problem — a fear of computers. A young Dane was recently hospitalized with a mental breakdown after complaining that computers had "taken over his mind."

More and more young people, say the doctors, are becoming "addicted" to computer programming, and some of them attribute human characteristics to the machines. The 18-year-old patient with the mental breakdown wanted to "unite" with the computer and "penetrate its soul," according to his doctors. After 10 years of using a computer, he claimed that it was persecuting him and trying to take revenge.

Such people completely cut them-

HEART-TO-HEART, known in Hebrew as Lev-el-Lev, is organizing a major event next week to promote physical activity and good living habits to prevent heart attacks. The event, to take place at Afek Park, will include booths with lessons on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, proper diet, physical exercise, and checkups for high blood pressure and physical condition.

The entrance fee for the event, which takes place on October 13, is NIS 10. Parachutists will also demonstrate free fall jumping. All those present are invited to take part in a march around the park. A bicycle tour along six different paths will also be sponsored by Heart-to-Heart on that day.

NEW VACCINES against shigellosis, a serious intestinal infection that results in diarrhea and abdominal pain, would reduce epidemics of the disease among Israel Defence Force soldiers. An IDF study of 5,774 soldiers recently found that shigellosis accounts for much of the epidemic diarrhea among soldiers.

A recommendation for vaccination of soldiers, especially those in difficult field conditions, was made by an IDF Medical Corps team headed by Dr. Manfred Green in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*.

Shigellosis, also known as bacillary dysentery, is usually transmitted by contact with feces of infected persons, or by infected water. It is quite rare in developed countries, but in Israel in 1980, there were some 1,500 cases per million population — or more than 30 times the rate in the U.S. Most of the cases occur among Israeli soldiers, especially those involved in field exercises. Under field conditions, there are often inadequate facilities for personal hygiene.

In the study, any soldier complaining about diarrhea at a base clinic was asked to fill in a questionnaire, and given a physical examination, and had blood and stool samples taken. A total of 666 cases of diarrhea were found among the soldiers over a period of five months; of these, 242 were found to be part of an epidemic involving soldiers in the same units, and the rest were sporadic cases of single soldiers in units.

The doctors concluded from their research that most of the epidemic cases were caused by shigellosis, and most of the sporadic cases were caused by something other than the bacillary dysentery. Thus, groups of

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BASEBALL

Tanana's big day for Tigers

NEW YORK (AP). — For Frank Tanana, every game he pitches these days is the biggest game of his career.

Tanana, 34, made a start on Sunday and it turned out to be a great start for Detroit. He pitched a six-hitter to beat Toronto 1-0 and clinch the American League East title for the Tigers.

The Blue Jays lost their last seven games of the season, including three straight in the season-ending series at Tiger Stadium, blowing a lead over the Tigers that was recently as September 12 was 3½ games, with seven games left. They blew it.

The Tigers open the best-of-seven AL playoffs tomorrow night against the Twins in Minnesota. In 1984, Detroit beat Kansas City in the playoffs and then took out San Diego in five games to win the World Series under manager Sparky Anderson.

"I don't ever have to do one other thing in my career," Anderson said after Tanana outdueled Jimmy Key. "I've done it all."

Elsewhere on the final day of the season it was, Boston 4, Milwaukee 0; Baltimore 4, New York 2; Chicago 5, Oakland 2; Kansas City 10,

Minnesota 1; Seattle 7, Texas 4; and Cleveland 10, California 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Without Jack Clark, the St. Louis Cardinals find themselves on a difficult expedition out west in the National League playoffs.

The injured Clark, one of the most feared hitters in baseball, probably will not be ready to start for another week. That leaves the Cardinals without their only slugger against the San Francisco Giants in the best-of-seven series that begins tonight at Busch Stadium.

"There are certain pitches I'm not quite able to get to," Clark said on Sunday. "I'm still not able to move around."

Clark has been out of the starting lineup since September 9 with a sprained right ankle. Torn tissue above the ankle has limited him to five swings since the injury. Three came in Sunday's last game of the regular season, when he struck out as a pinch-hitter in St. Louis' 11-6 loss to the New York Mets.

Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog said Sunday that he doesn't

think Clark could start until game 6, if the National League playoffs go that far. He could be used as a pinch-hitter, although the Cardinals have been determined not to let Clark beat them. They walked him 19 times in 54 plate appearances this season.

Clark has hit 35 of St. Louis' major-league-low 94 home runs. Terry Pendleton is next with 12.

Cardinals this year and the teams split six games in St. Louis. The major advantage the Cardinals hold is speed. They have stolen 248 bases, nearly 50 more than any other team, compared to San Francisco's 126. But Giants catchers Bob Brenly and Bob Melvin have thrown out more runners than any other club and have held St. Louis to 14 steals in 24 attempts.

Clark and center fielder Willie McGee, who hasn't started since Wednesday because of a banged-up hand, are both on the Cardinals' 24-man playoff roster. Herzog felt he had to make them both eligible and instead will carry just eight pitchers.

McGee, a switch-hitter, will likely start the first playoff game, Herzog said, but might be benched tonight because San Francisco has penciled

in left-hander Dave Dravecky as its game 2 starter. McGee's hand injury particularly handicaps him when batting right-handed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	98	64	.605	—
Toronto	96	66	.590	2
Milwaukee	91	71	.562	7
Los Angeles	81	81	.500	16
Boston	78	84	.481	20
Baltimore	67	95	.414	31
Cleveland	61	101	.377	37

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	85	77	.525	—
Kansas City	81	79	.512	1
Oakland	81	81	.500	4
Seattle	78	84	.481	7
Milwaukee	77	85	.475	8
California	75	87	.463	10
Texas	75	87	.463	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	95	67	.586	—
New York	92	70	.568	3
Montreal	91	71	.562	4
Philadelphia	80	82	.494	15
Pittsburgh	80	82	.494	15
Chicago	76	86	.467	19½

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	90	72	.556	—
Chicago	84	78	.519	6
Houston	76	86	.469	14
Los Angeles	75	87	.463	15
Atlanta	69	93	.429	20½
San Diego	65	97	.401	25

SUNDAY'S GAMES: Chicago 7, Montreal 5; Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2; New York 11, St. Louis 6; Cleveland 3, Boston 1; Los Angeles 5, San Diego 3; San Francisco 5, Atlanta 4.

DAVIS CUP

Sweden win

BARCELONA (Reuter). — Sweden reached their fifth consecutive Davis Cup final when Stefan Edberg fired the former holders into a winning 3-1 lead over Spain in their rain-hit World Group semi-final yesterday.

Edberg beat Emilio Sanchez 6-4, 8-6, 6-4 in the first reverse singles which was suspended on Sunday because of heavy rain with the Spaniard one game up in the first set.

Sweden will play the final at home on December 18-20 against India, who beat holders Australia 3-2 in the other semifinal in Sydney on Sunday.

Swedish coach Hans Glimmered said Mats Wilander would not play the second reverse singles against Sanchez's younger brother, Javier, making it a 3-2 victory for Sweden. "I had a bad start, but then I got into the game. It was probably my best clay court match ever," Edberg told reporters. He thought Emilio Sanchez, who lost to Mats Wilander in the opening singles last year, was the doubles with Sergio Casal, did not play as well as he could have. "But then I was attacking him all the time," he said.

The line-up for next year's World Group was completed yesterday, when Brazil, who beat Ecuador and Denmark, who beat Australia, secured their place in the 16-strong top division. Switzerland, 3-2 winners over the Soviet Union, and New Zealand, 4-1 winners over China had earlier made sure of their place.



SWEDISH ENTHUSIASM — Mats Wilander (left) congratulates Stefan Edberg, in typically restrained Swedish fashion on his victory over Emilio Sanchez. (APF)

NFL

Football Follies on show

By DAVE GOLDBERG
NEW YORK (AP). — There was some good football, some mediocre football and enough bad football for a full show of "Football Follies."

It was strike Sunday in the NFL, a kaleidoscope of picket lines, empty seats, strange plays, unlikely heroes and goats.

"We've just witnessed a bit of history, I suppose," Bengals coach Sam Wyche said after his team lost 10-9 to San Diego in a game marked by fumbles on three of the first eight plays.

In most places, the "crowds" were hardly that. Kept away by pickets or the prospect of B-team football.

Where members of the A-team showed up, they didn't always fare that well.

The biggest hero among the pick-

et-line crossers was the Colts' Gary Hogeboom, who tied a 22-year-old team record with five touchdowns passes in the 47-0 rout of Buffalo.

But St. Louis and New England, with veterans back, lost to Washington and Cleveland, which had none.

Dallas didn't bother to use Danny White, Tony Dorsett or Mike Renfro in its 38-24 win over the New York Jets, one of two previously unbeaten teams done in by the scrubs. Minnesota, which lost to Green Bay 23-16, was the other.

"Maybe we had an advantage in that none of our guys came in," Washington coach Joe Gibbs said after his team's 28-21 victory over the Cardinals, who had eight veterans called up. "The same game was able to practice together for 10 days."

Among the old-timers was Bruce Clark of New Orleans, who had two sacks against the Redskins, the Colts' regular punter, Tom Mack, who spent last week going in and out of training camp and finished with seven recep-

tions for 161 yards. More often, the heroes were the likes of John Fourness, Mike Hobbes, Ed Ricketts and Anthony Allen. Five Vikes, an eight-year veteran who hadn't played since the NFL's Chicago team folded in 1985.

Fourness and Hogeboom, both of whom played previously in the NFL, the Canadian Football League and for arena football, each had three touchdowns passes.

Fourness had his for New Orleans in a 37-13 win over the Rams in the Superdome, where the all-time low crowd of 29,745 chanted "Stay on strike!" Hogeboom, a hardtack until two weeks ago, threw his in Chicago's win in Philadelphia.

Even completed 19 of his 18 passes for 248 yards and rushed for 43 yards on four carries for the Redskins. He threw for two touchdowns and scored his touchdowns on a 4-yard rushing run early in the second quarter.

Ricketts, a rookie free-agent from Louisville and Allen, a former Atlanta Falcon and NFL player, combined on three touchdowns passes in the Redskins' upset of the Cardinals. Allen, who just arrived in camp on Friday, set a Redskins' record with 255 yards, including an 88-yard reception that was the longest for Washington in 12 years.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP). — The Oklahoma Sooners are playing as if every game is just a tuneup for the season-enders against Nebraska.

"Nebraska is always in the back of our minds," Oklahoma tight end Keith Jackson said after the Sooners' 56-3 rout of Iowa State on Saturday.

The Sooners play Nebraska in seven weeks. The game may decide the no. 1 ranking in the nation as well as the Big Eight championship. The Sooners are no. 1.

The Huskers figure to retain their no. 2 ranking following Saturday's 30-21 decision over South Carolina.

Other results: Miami 26, no. 4 Florida State 13; no. 19 Florida 10; no. 9 Ohio State 18, Illinois 6; Tennessee 38, California 12; no. 11 UCLA 49, Stanford 28; 12 Michigan, Duke 11; no. 13 Arkansas 35, UTEP 16; Texas Tech 27, no. 15 Texas A&M 21; no. 17 Alabama 38, SW Louisiana 10; Michigan St. 19, no. 17 Iowa 14.

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Big names fail to impress

LONDON (Reuters). — Once again, the big teams and star foreign players failed to impress in the Italian soccer league on Sunday, and Roma, with a man who runs like a butterfly, remained surprise leaders.

In Spain, Real Madrid came from behind to beat Sevilla 3-1 and have now hit 26 goals with only two against first six games.

Roma's win over newly-promoted Pisa came courtesy of a penalty by Poland's Zbigniew Boniek.

Roma president Dino Viola is also delighted with his new signing, and said he wouldn't swap Viceri for World International Ian Rush even if Rush offered an exchange.

Juventus displayed shaky form again going down 2-1 away to Verona and slipped to sixth place in the standings.

It was the northern giant's second defeat in four championship games and despite Wednesday's 3-0 victory over humble Valletta in the UEFA cup, Juventus showed they had much to put right before making an impact on this year's championship.

Defending champions Napoli managed a 1-0 win over Avellino in the southern derby thanks to a late goal by Andrea Carnevale.

But captain Diego Maradona again failed to

score and afterwards kept to a new vow to stay away from the press. Under fire for his poor performance, some papers have said he is fat and out of condition, or losing his world class touch.

In Spain, Real Madrid stayed two points clear of Athletic Bilbao, 3-2 winners at Murcia.

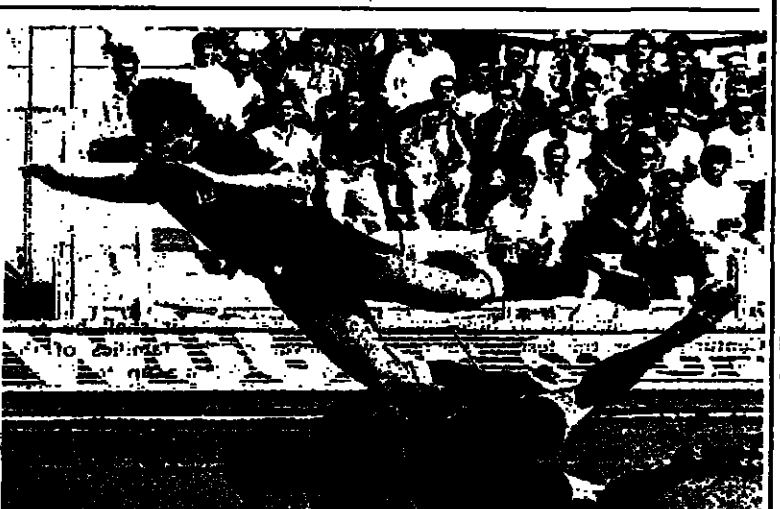
Barcelona are still bottom but one on two points after their home game against Athletic Madrid was called off 20 minutes from the end because of torrential rain with the score at 1-1.

In West Germany, Werder Bremen were held to a 1-1 draw at struggling FC Hamburg on Saturday.

Seiten at home in Thursday's UEFA cup match by an unbeaten Werder Bremen side 1-0. Werder were only narrowly saved from complete humiliation against Hamburg when striker Manfred Burgsmüller equalized 15 minutes from the final whistle.

The best dropped Werder from the top of the table. Cologne took over after maintaining their unbeaten record with a 2-1 win at Nuremberg.

In France, Monaco remains on top, four points ahead, with a 2-0 win at Reims, but Bordeaux and Nantes both stayed in touch. Bordeaux won 1-0 at Toulon and Nantes beat Toulouse 3-1 at home.



AIRBORNE — Rudy Voeller of Pisa goes flying over Pisa goalkeeper Alessandro Nista during the match that Roma won 1-0.

CRICKET Bookies fancy Windies

LONDON (AP). — The West Indies are 7-4 favourites to win cricket's World Cup, one of Britain's legal bookmakers has announced.

Ladbrokes, among the largest betting chains in the country, also listed the West Indies as 4-5 favourites to win their qualifying half of the tournament, which starts Oct. 8 in India and Pakistan.

India is the 11-10 favourite to win the other half. Ladbrokes placed co-hosts India and Pakistan both at 7-2 to win the Cup, with England fourth at 5-1.

TENNIS

Devastating Lundgren

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — Another young Swede with a two-fisted backhand and long, golden locks is swooping down on the men's tennis circuit.

Peter Lundgren entered the \$293,400 Transamerica Open ranked only 10th in Sweden and 49th in the world, but he changed all that this weekend with a 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 semi-final victory over top-seeded Ivan Lendl and a 6-1, 7-5 triumph in the final over American Jim Pugh.

Lundgren, 22, notched the biggest purse of his three-year career, \$44,400, but his victory over Lendl was just as important, as he served notice that he's capable of beating the best.

Lundgren took 28 minutes to beat Pugh in the first set, serving five aces while Pugh seemed to err and double fault.

Lundgren double-faulted seven times in the match, and won only 52 percent of his first serve, compared to 53 percent for Lundgren. Each player finished with six aces.

Pugh was serving at 4-2 in the second set, when Lundgren broke him and followed triumphantly.

BASKETBALL

Tight finishes, exciting games

Post Sports Staff
Three dramatic finishes grabbed the limelight in last night's second round games of the National Basketball League. However, the game billed as the attraction of the night, turned out to be a disappointing one-sided encounter, with Hapoel Tel Aviv easily dismissing Elitzur Netanya 85-72.

There was great delight in Ramle, where the local team, Elitzur Neve David-Ramle earned their first-ever National League points when they scraped by Hapoel Haifa 98-96.

Doron Shefa sank two free-throws to level the scores with 15 seconds left, but Pini Hozov countered from the foul line at the other end in the dying seconds to assure the home team's first National League win. Hozov was Ramle's hero with 22 points.

Gali Elyon registered their second win of the season, turning a 40-32 half-time deficit against Hapoel Haifa in Haifa into a narrow 62-61 triumph.

Another nail-biting finish took place in the capital and again it was the local fans who went home disappointed. Maccabi Tel Aviv held a 20 point lead at the half, but Hapoel Jerusalem clawed their way back into the match and with two minutes remaining even managed to go into the lead 92-90.

Ricky Brown led the way for the Jerusalemites, netting 29 points and playing for most of the game. He had four personal fouls. It was the second national championship experience that counted in the end, however, Maccabi winning 99-96.

Results of other games: Hapoel Holon 104, Maccabi Ramat Gan 85; Betar Tel Aviv 83, Maccabi Netanya 74.

SUNSHINE

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SURFING

Israel 3rd in Europe tourney

By MEL McMANUS
Special for The Jerusalem Post
TEL AVIV. — Israel's wave-surfing teams, participating in the biennial European Championships, produced outstanding results. They finished in 3rd place, among the 12 competing countries.

During the event, which took place at Les Sables d'Olonne on the Atlantic west coast of France, Israel's surfers displayed unbreakable determination and sheer courage, surfing in waves which often reached 4 metres in height.

France's home team captured 1st place, with the English contingent in 2nd place. Portugal trailed behind Israel to take 4th place. Individual silver medals were won by 21 Ramat-Avivians, 15-year-old Oran Weiss and 19-year-old I.D.F. officer Ofed Friedland in the kneeboards.

Tel-Aviv's Dan Gollick, just 17, demonstrated his surfing prowess by attaining 7th place in the mens event against 75 other contestants whose average age was 21. Bronze medals were won by Maya Dauber (14) from Michmoret and Ilan Marer (17) from Ashdod.

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TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Telecast 8:05 Keep Fit 8:15 School broadcasts 14:00 Telecast 14:05 Comets among the Stars — play by Jack Russell, starring Ralph Richardson, Alan Howard and Nigel Havers 15:40 Keep Fit 16:00 Pretty Butterfly 16:25 The Transformers 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine

ISRAELI TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
17:30 3, 4, 5 17:50 Alf 18:20 Children of the World 18:25 Language Corner — introduced by Avshalom Kor

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

18:30 News roundup 18:32 Point of Departure 19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at

20:00 with a news roundup
20:02 Tom Brown's Schooldays. Part 2 of a 5-part English drama serial based on Thomas Hughes's classic novel
21:00 Mabat Newsworld
21:40 Second Look — focus on matters of moment
22:20 Barbra Streisand — One Night in Paris
22:15 Easy Street — American comedy series
23:45 News

ISRAELI TV CHANNEL 2

19:00 Children's Problems 19:30 Dance 20:00 Entertainment programme with Meni Pe'er 21:00 Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

18:30 Cartoons 17:00 French Hour 18:30 News in Hebrew 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Brush Strokes 20:10 Remington Steele 21:00 News in English 21:20 Special feature

MIDDLE EAST TV

12:30 Another Life 13:00 700 Club 13:30 Shape-Up 14:00 Muppet Babies 14:30 Flying House 15:00 Fraggle Rock 15:30 Afternoon Movie: Africa Screams 17:00 Star Trek 18:00 News 19:00 The A-Team 20:00 MacGyver 21:00 Airwolf 22:00 700 Club 22:30 Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:01 Morning Melodies 7:09 Beethoven: "Andante Favori"; "Midsummer Night's Dream" Overture (London/Chmura); Schumann: Cello Concerto (Du Pre); Dvorak: Symphony No. 8 (Cleveland/Szell); Beethoven: 9:00 Beethoven: 11 Bagatelles (Brandel); Stravinsky: "Pulcinella"; ballet suite; Bach: Concerto No. 1 for Harpsichord and Orchestra (Malcolm, Menuhin Festival/Munich); Haydn: String Quartet Op. 78 No. 1 (Vienna); Bruckner: Symphony No. 1 (LSC/Berlin); Franck: Chorale No. 1 for Organ; Jolly: Motet 12:00 Tel Aviv Quartet: Mozart: Quartet No. 22; Mendelssohn: Quartet Op. 44 No. 2 13:05 Works by Monteverdi, Vivaldi, Mozart, Haydn and Prokofiev 15:00 Young Music 16:00 Songs by Mahler, Schoenberg, Berg and Schubert (Zalai) 17:30 Songs by Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich and Stravinsky (Fischer-Dieskau, Mestrovic, Murray) 18:00 From the Record Shelf 19:00 Opera — Halvay: Excerpts from "La Juive" (Arroyo, Tucker, New Philharmonia/Aldemide) 20:05 Musical medley 20:30 Israel Chamber Orchestra under Yu. Talmi with Emanuel Gruber, cello — J.C. Bach: Sinfonia Op. 18 No. 1; Bartok: Divertimento for Strings; Shostakovich: Cello Concerto (Premiere); Beethoven: Symphony No. 22. 23:00 Schubert: Song Cycle

RADIO 2nd

6:04 Editorial Review 6:10 Gymnastics 6:30 News roundup 6:52 Green Light — drivers' corner 7:00 This Morning — news magazine 8:05 Morning News 8:15 Morning Star — The Four All Shades of the Network 12:10 O.K. on Two 13:00 Midway — news commentary, music 14:05 Arts and Culture magazine 14:30 Humour 15:05 Magic Moments 16:05 Economics Magazine 17:05 Hebrew songs 18:00 Songs for the Afternoon 18:45 Sports 19:00 Today — radio newsworld 19:35 Hebrew songs 20:05 Cantorial Requests 22:05 Hebrew songs 00:15 Songs for the End of the Day

RADIO 1st

6:03 Programmes for Olim 7:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew 8:05 Compass 9:05 Information for Listeners 10:05 Hebrew songs and dances 11:05 Morning News 12:05 Mid-East Music 13:00 News in English 13:30 News in French 14:05 Children's programmes 16:30 Everyman's University 16:05 Programme for Senior Citizens 17:10 Songs for the Afternoon 18:05 Jewish Traditions 19:05 The Mishna Portion for today 19:20 Bible Reading 19:30 Programmes for Olim 22:05 Two Together

ARMY TWO

19:05 Radio Radio 20:05 Information, regards and radio games 22:05 Coffee Break 23:05 All That Jazz

ARMY

6:05 Morning Sounds 6:30 Open Your Eyes — songs, information 7:07 "707" 6:00 Good Morning Israel 9:05 In the Morning 10:05 Music 11:05 Right Now 13:05 Hebrew hits 14:05 Daily sounds 15:05 Festival songs 16:05 Four in the Afternoon 17:00 Evening News 18:05 Economics Magazine 18:05 Hebrew songs 20:05 Soldiers on the Golan Heights (repost) 21:00 Mabat — TV newsworld 21:30 No Quiet Night 22:05 Popular songs 23:05 The 24th Hour 00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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WEDNESDAY — "With me in the studio" guest interview
THURSDAY — "Studio Three" arts magazine

U.S. experts: Higher '88 growth, inflation

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A group of prominent economists predicted yesterday that there will be continued economic expansion during 1988, but that it will be accompanied by higher inflation.

"While the nation's business economists have generally maintained their confidence about real growth, they have become more pessimistic about inflation," said Jerry Jordan, president of the National Association of Business Economists. Its members include about 4,000 corporate, private and government economists. The association is holding its annual meeting in New Orleans, but released a text of its 1988 forecast in Washington.

The economists predicted that the Gross National Product would grow at a real rate of 2.7 per cent during 1988, after a three per cent expansion in 1987. GNP grew 2.2 per cent in 1986 from the fourth quarter of 1985. But they forecast that consumer prices would rise 4.8 per cent in

1988, up from a 4.5 per cent inflation rate in 1987 and 1.3 per cent in 1986. The findings were based on a survey of association members. Jordan, who is also senior vice-president and chief economist of First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles, said association members expected the U.S. merchandise trade deficit to fall to \$140 billion in 1988 from an anticipated \$155b. in 1987. The trade deficit in 1986 was a record \$156 b.

For the longer term, 30 per cent of the economists said they expected an economic downturn in 1988, and 56 per cent think a business recession will begin in 1989. "High real interest rates, too little new investment in the U.S. economy, and slow long-term productivity growth were mentioned as key forces which could bring about a new economic downturn," Jordan said. Most economists expected the dollar to be further devalued, with 55 per cent forecasting it would drop another 10 to 30 per cent in value by 1991.

Migdal charged with granting excessive insurance discounts

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
Cases of "excessive discounts" given by Migdal Insurance on car insurance premiums were discovered by Yehuda Drori, the Treasury's insurance commissioner. The Finance Ministry said yesterday that the Migdal subsidiary Sela engaged in the same practice. In the case of Sela undercharging was extensive, while fewer instances were found at Migdal.

The Treasury has been fighting the practice of giving discounts for a

long time. The companies used to give high discounts for "wholesale" purchases by organized groups. To cover the losses caused by the practice, the companies either charged higher fees to individual customers or asked the Treasury to approve overall higher fees.

Migdal has promised that premiums in future will be in accordance with Treasury guidelines. The company will also appoint a full-time general manager at Sela, a step meant to remedy the present situation.

Bottle shortage

The shortage of bottles affecting soft drink manufacturers worsened last week because of a fire at the Phoenix plant of the Israel Glass Works, which enjoys a monopoly in bottle manufacturing.

Throughout the summer, thousands of tons of bottles were imported to prevent an existing shortage from getting worse. Yoram Belzovsky, director-general of the Industry and Trade Ministry, said yesterday that more import licences would be granted.

He added that the ministry is examining ways to increase the use of returnable bottles.

Diamond exports

Post Economic Reporter
Diamond exports shot up last month by nearly 20 per cent compared with September last year. Industry and Trade Ministry officials said this jump resulted from diamond dealers exporting larger stones than they had in the past. This means lower added value.

So far this year, diamond exports have reached \$1.54 billion, compared to \$1.25b. for the corresponding period last year, an increase of 23 per cent. September sales, which totalled \$221 million, marked the second time this year that monthly exports broke the \$200m. barrier.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres yesterday welcomes Japanese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Takeshi Hamano. (Scoop 80)

Peres proposes joint research fund with Japan

By MENACHEM SHALEV

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres proposed yesterday that Israel and Japan set up a joint research and development fund which would finance projects by Israeli and Japanese scientists in areas such as agriculture, medicine, solar energy and development of deserts.

Peres made the proposal in a meeting with Takeshi Hamano, Japan's parliamentary vice minister for foreign affairs, who is on a two-day visit here. Peres said that Israel has such R&D funds — which are financed on an equal basis by the participating countries — with the U.S. and with a number of European

countries. Hamano promised to look into the matter when he returns to Tokyo.

Peres complained about the slow pace of the improvement in the relations between Israel and Japan. He said that he is well aware of the importance of the Arab world to Japan, but that good relations with the Arabs should not come at the expense of Israel.

Peres outlined the latest movements in the peace process to his visitor and said that "just like the subway in Tokyo, the peace process must be built in different directions." Hamano will depart Israel this morning.

The best prospects for job-seekers

Post Economic Reporter

The best prospects for job-seekers are in the technological professions, in industry and metal-working, according to a recent survey by the Manpower employment agency. The survey also points out that in each of the last three months around 20,000 jobs were advertised in the country's major newspapers.

For those looking for office jobs the picture is not so bright. Demand for office workers fell by 9 per cent, while demand for people in trade and service industries fell by only 7 per cent. There has also been a 6 per cent decline in the number of teachers and kindergarten staff. The building trade recorded a 3 per cent drop in vacancies.

Revolution gathering in the Chinese countryside

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

BEIJING. — A great revolution is gathering in the Chinese countryside: before long the State may cease its grain subsidies and permit farmers to sell it at the market price.

This proposal appeared in the official journal *Economic Information* and is typical of the way the party floats policy changes before they are formally announced. According to the journal such a change is the only way to ensure the proper feeding of China's 1.1 billion people.

No subject in China is of greater political importance than the supply and the price of grain. And no question divides more deeply the conservatives and the reformers than does central control alone ensure adequate grain stocks, or will they increase only if farmers are paid more.

The key public moment in this debate came in late September 1985, when Deng Xiaoping's leading critic and fellow member of the Politburo's Supreme Standing Committee, Chen Yun, China's leading economic theorist, questioned the effects of the decentralising reforms, which until that day had been credited with greater rural production.

Chen's speech coincided with a drop of 22.5 million tons in the grain harvest from the 1984 record high of 405 million tons. Chen wondered aloud whether allowing farmers to abandon grain cultivation for more lucrative commodity crops and rural industry, might not lead to unpredictable grain shortages. These, he warned, if serious enough, could re-

sult in "social disorder." Chen thus instantly raised the basic fear of all Chinese governments for the last 2,000 years — famine.

But although the leadership immediately responded to Chen's alert, by urging farmers not to leave their paddies and fields, the trend away from grain continued. In 1985 one million acres of grain land were lost to other purposes; in 1986 it was 657,000.

The government was caught in a web of contradiction.

If it increased grain prices to farmers, but continued to subsidize them for urban consumers, the already overwhelming government subsidy bill would rise, preventing investment in modernization.

If, on the other hand, the government allowed farmers' grain payments to rise and increased prices in the shops, urban workers, who have already suffered from inflation rates of over 10 per cent, would begin to grumble about the reforms.

If farmers' grain payments remained stable, however, increasing numbers of peasants would look to other activities. The peasants have often voiced to the newspapers their need for reassurance that a recentralization of agriculture is not on the way.

It is an especially pressing problem as grain production continues to worry the planners. Last year, although the harvest was 12 million tons greater than in 1985, it missed its target by 50 per cent. And this year the shortfall will be slightly higher.

Delicate political considerations.

therefore, explain why *Economic Information* foresaw that a change to market price for grain farmers would "relieve the leaders of the party and the government from their heavy responsibility of every day thinking how to resolve the grain problem."

Farmers, the journal observed, would then invest in grain and mechanization and raise their output. But only relatively rich farmers would be able to make such an investment. The average land holding per head in China is only 0.13 hectares. Only if many farmers lent their land to others, who are supposedly more efficient, and can afford expensive fuel, machinery and fertilizer, will the resulting larger fields and paddies produce larger yields; this will interest farmers only if their payments rise.

It is this consideration that last week led Premier Zhao Ziyang, who is also acting party general secretary, to praise "farmer entrepreneurs" and to state openly that China will never become prosperous if all 800 million peasants on their tiny plots attempt to grow grain. Many must shift to other activities. Zhao advised.

A countryside of efficient large grain growers, surrounded by vast numbers of peasants working in factories, transport, orchards and ponds would be a revolution indeed. It is no wonder that it worries the old ideologues, who feel that unless everyone grows grain, famine may suddenly strike.

(London Observer Service)

Enforced vacation

Post Economic Reporter

Anyone with pending business at government ministries or agencies should try to finish it before the Succot holiday begins, or wait until it is over. The government ministries will go on "enforced vacation."

Closed will be all the ministries' main offices, the customs' offices, income tax offices, the Securities Authority, the Employment Authority, the Interior Ministry, Health Ministry's health bureaus and central laboratories.

For those citizens with some urgent matter, some of these bodies and ministries will leave an official on duty to handle emergency cases by phone.

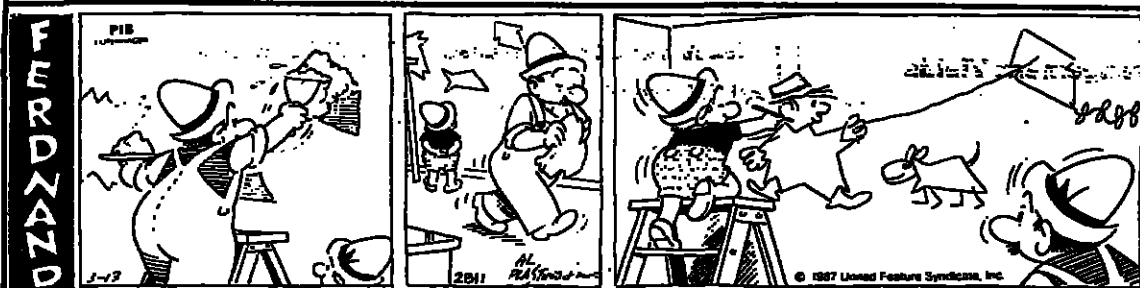
Travel statistics

Post Economic Reporter

Some 85,000 Israelis travelled abroad last month, an increase of about 30 per cent over September 1986. The Treasury announced yesterday. The ministry added that the revenue from the travel tax for September totalled NIS 20 million.



Orna Robinson yesterday shows off some of the blooms from 25 countries at the 11th annual international flower show at Holon's youth park. (IPPA)



CROSSWORD

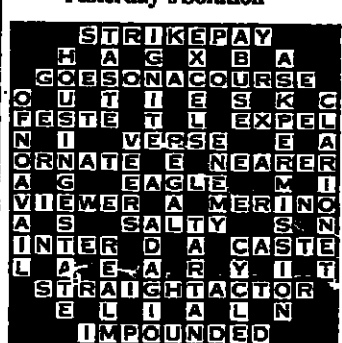
ACROSS

- 1 Human merriment means robbing others of their living (12)
- 9 Continuous at the time of departure (7)
- 10 For Catholics in 1673 it was a setback needing diplomacy (4,3)
- 11 Look noble (4)
- 12 Returnable note (5)
- 13 A pointed reminder of galactic immensity (4)
- 16 Cut off a confession of extreme tardiness (7)
- 17 Adherence to accepted code involves breaking the code—how odd! (7)
- 18 Given permission to leave former spouse about to be employed (7)
- 21 I'd turn to a geometric proposition for a very difficult problem (7)
- 23 Lebanese town blown up after it is flat (4)
- 24 Worst, despite a pronounced surge (5)
- 25 Use a mess of pottage? To whom was that question put? (4)
- 26 Rengan's pronouncement on SDI weaponry (3,4)
- 29 Summa up 2.71828 by 3.14159 by volume (7)
- 30 Glowing genealogical report on pure-blooded Peruvian (12)

DOWN

- 1 Attractive bar has appeal for current generation (7)
- 2 Return article if it is too unsophisticated (4)
- 3 It is put into a new angle, and there burned (7)
- 4 Green still on remand? (7)
- 5 One who entertains a great number of people (4)
- 6 He no longer plays any role except that of Shylock? (7)
- 7 Sort of kind remark that is just the ticket for a deadhead (13)
- 8 Harsh treatment assures me rent collection (5,8)
- 14 Pastoral accommodation means reconstruction (5)
- 15 Climb on the reptiles back, maybe (5)
- 19 Continue with food for crows, from the sound of it (5,2)
- 20 What soldiers of the line did fully clothed (7)
- 21 Stray American serviceman turns up in female attire (7)
- 22 Lose one's chance, when calling to see the young lady (4,3)
- 26 Fish upsets a crazy fellow (4)
- 27 Escape tool for one serving life? (4)

Yesterday's Solution



QUICK SOLUTION

ACROSS: 5 Cache, 8 Accounts, 9 Spare, 10 Inundate, 11 Moose, 14 Add, 18 Stress, 17 Orchid, 18 Fox, 20 Unite, 24 Generous, 25 Solve, 26 Elongate, 27 Adult. DOWN: 1 Panic, 2 Scout, 3 Ruddy, 4 Stated, 6 Approach, 7 Hardship, 12 Standard, 13 Festival, 14 Asp, 15 Dot, 19 Openly, 21 Feint, 22 Foray, 23 Askew.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Insurance value (5)
- 4 Surge of electricity (6)
- 9 Injection needle (7)
- 10 Sacred memento (5)
- 11 Told untruths (4)
- 12 Sailing ship (7)
- 13 Tree (3)
- 14 Hindu mystic (4)
- 16 Welsh national symbol (4)
- 18 Great respect (3)
- 20 Newspaper clipping (7)
- 21 Wind instrument (4)
- 24 Person of low intelligence (6)
- 25 Shellfish (7)
- 26 Saturated with water (5)
- 27 Impoverished (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fortress (5)
- 3 Poetry (5)
- 5 Skating arena (4)
- 6 Exceptionally unpleasant (8)
- 7 Recurrence of illness (7)
- 8 Armed guard (6)
- 9 Girl (5)
- 13 Assemblage of listeners (8)
- 15 Spoken (7)
- 17 Young rascals (6)
- 18 Lisome (5)
- 19 Almost (6)
- 22 Go swimming (5)
- 23 Scottish sea port (4)

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The Soviet factor

OF ALL THE Jewish "refuseniks" in the Soviet Union, it is Ida Nudel who, by her indomitable heroism over the years, best exposed the depravity of the Soviet rulers in seeking by fake legal means to crush those it considers enemies. Her most heinous offence was not the alleged possession of "state secrets," never spelled out and now dating back 16 years, but the "hooliganous" advertising of her determination to go home to Israel.

Now Ida Nudel, too, has been given an exit permit by the formerly obsequious Soviet authorities.

Does this gesture have any meaning beyond Mikhail Gorbachev's apparent desire to please the human rights-obsessed Ronald Reagan on the eve of their next scheduled summit? Does it signify any more far-reaching intention than to help reduce the Soviet Union's oppressively costly burden of armaments, grant it access to American markets and technology, and legitimize the Soviet claim to participation in an international conference on Middle East peace? Is it, in short, substantially different from the host of "cosmetic" changes that have made their appearance in Soviet Russia since the accession to power of Mr. Gorbachev?

A sizable body of opinion in this country, headed by Premier Yitzhak Shamir, would answer all these questions with a ringing No.

The implication is that *glasnost* is at bottom sheer propaganda hokum. The Soviet Union, and remains, a foul communist dictatorship that lends itself to no reform, and that, even if it is not formally an enemy of Israel, is arguably even more dangerous smiling than scowling. The Soviet tiger will be shown to have truly changed its stripes only when it has, so to speak, also clipped its fangs, settled down peacefully next to the Israeli lamb, and released from their bondage all the hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews clamouring to be free in their ancestral homeland.

It is, in any case, only this set of assumptions that can account for Mr. Shamir's protest in the cabinet this week against Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's expression of thanks to his Soviet opposite number, Eduard Shevardnadze, for helping engineer Ida Nudel's release, as he had been asked to do. They should never have put this Jewish woman behind bars in the first place, the premier is reported to have said. If thanks are due, it is to Ida Nudel's innumerable vocal supporters the world over.

Admittedly, there is more than a grain of sense to Mr. Shamir's apparent theory of the Kremlin today. The rulers of the Kremlin have not forsaken their faith in communism. They have not been converted to believe in Western-style democracy. Organized political opposition remains a term of abuse in their lexicon. They are still self-seeking and power-hungry, and their armed might keeps posing a threat to world peace. Such concern as they now show for human rights is not enough to satisfy even the modest Helsinki requirements. And their attitude towards Israel and their own Jewish subjects is still unacceptable and even scandalous.

But the fact is that, despite some fierce opposition from within the party, the bureaucracy, the KGB and even a large section of the populace, a revolutionary transformation is now slowly underway in the Soviet Union, the impact of which could only have been exceeded by an actual revolution.

Time-hallowed pillars of the Leninist-Stalinist system are under attack by none other than the general secretary of the All-Union Soviet Communist Party: the command economy, central planning, the party's monopoly of the truth, the muzzling of individual opinion, the perversion of law and justice in the interests of the party. The old vacuous rhetoric about the virtues of peaceful coexistence and detente is yielding to manifest concern for the improvement of ties with the U.S. and verifiable nuclear disarmament.

The extent of recent change in policy towards Israel and Soviet Jewry is also striking, even if by no means satisfying. Profound differences remain, but - judging by Mr. Peres's report of his conversation with Mr. Shevardnadze in New York - the old hostility has been greatly attenuated, and is being replaced by a spirit of openness. A gradual relaxation of restrictions on the emigration of Jews is indicated. The Kremlin is no longer wedded to the PLO. If Jerusalem were willing, which it is not, the Soviets would start normalization at once, the Polish and Hungarian way, through interest sections in other embassies. The earlier yawning gap between the Israeli - or rather Peres - and the Soviet conceptions of an international peace conference has been narrowed, and by the Kremlin.

All this is bad news for Mr. Shamir. A peace of genuine accommodation with the Arab nations is the last thing he, and his party, desire. He therefore makes light of any concessions that the present Soviet leadership may have to offer. They only complicate matters. His formula is all or nothing, even if that "all" is but a figment of his imagination. And if it turns out to be nothing - well, so be it, at least the cause has been well served.

Nothing, indeed, is likely to prove the word for the second Shamir premiership.

Autumn strikes suddenly

THE YOREH (first rain) caught almost all Israelis completely by surprise the first day of the week. They were enjoying the long summer - they were still bawling the government's springtime decision to end daylight saving prematurely - when suddenly the first precipitation came precipitately down.

True, the rainfall was not much to crow about, but it was very widespread, promising to spread throughout the land any time soon. And its message was clear: gone are the days of light summer clothes, of swimming in the sea and the swimming-pools, of acquiring an impressive tan. Autumn is in, car drivers should check their tyres and beware of skidding, and those who expect to spend the week of Succot in tabernacles are being served notice that they may be due for a somewhat wet experience.

Despite the inconvenience, no true Israeli will ever deplore any rainfall, however slight. We live in a semi-arid zone, and every drop of water is precious. The question is whether we can infer that the early yoreh brings promise of substantial rains to follow in the next six months, which will avert the danger of still another drought after the bountiful past year.

So far the meteorologists are keeping their cards close to their chests, and will not go out on a limb with a long-range prediction. It will take them about a month to make up their minds, they say. The Beduin are said to believe - it is part of their folklore - that the yoreh which comes early is a harbinger of drought, not heavy rains. They may yet be proven right. But folklore is not science, not even as inexact a science as meteorology, and hope springs eternal.

Put the ME parley on the back burner

Yosef Goell

SHOULD Diaspora Jewry be dragged into the Israeli debate on the international conference for Middle East peace? On the assumption that they share with us the same frenetically overheated Jewish genes, the answer is that they can hardly be expected not to have their own strong opinions on the matter.

But not everything that our cussed Jewish genes drive us to do should necessarily be encouraged - not in the Diaspora, nor in Israel. There is broad agreement, if not a consensus, in Israel, that one of the banes of our public life, as it has evolved over the close to four decades of our independence, has been the excessive politicization of many aspects of Israeli life. This tendency has been advanced to new heights in the present government of national unity. It is really necessary to infect the Diaspora with our own particular brand of political madness?

Jewish unity, even the appearance of Jewish unity, has always been an important asset in our military, diplomatic and propaganda struggles against our Arab enemies. But it is an asset that should not be bought at any price. There are - as Shimon Peres says correctly - issues of life and death which transcend maintaining a facade of unity, especially when it is no secret to the outside world that unity does not exist on this question, either in Israel or among Diaspora supporters of the various schools of thought in Israel.

Peres, in his address to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, gave a good example of such an issue in the Who Is A Jew question. That, in fact, is a life-and-death issue for world Jewry, even though its pragmatic implications for Israeli Jewry are more marginal. But that is clearly an issue on which Diaspora Jewry not only has a right to be heard, but in which Israel dare not decide without taking

into consideration the opinion of the Diaspora, which constitute three quarters of world Jewry.

But the international conference is far from being such an issue. The truth is that in Israel, it is not even much of a public issue at all. At most, it has proven to be another one of those spurious "issues" which our Labour and Likud politicians use to go through the motions of engaging in serious debate. What they are really doing is testing whether it can possibly serve as a pretext for gaining partisan advantage by toppling the government, or bringing on early elections.

As persuasive as he is with the leaders of the American Jewish Congress and some other of the "converted" foreign leaders and Diaspora Jewish leaders to whom he has been preaching, Peres has not been persuasive at all in the only arena that counts, the Israeli public and its political leaders.

Not only has the Israeli public reacted to the whole issue with apathy, but for some time Peres did not even succeed in persuading his own party to support the idea of the conference. There are many in Labour who are still believe that the whole thing is not very serious. But they have lined up behind Peres because they did not want to be seen abandoning their party leader on an issue in which the Likud has locked arms.

THE TRUTH is that the international conference issue is primarily one that is about tactics and procedure. The real issue is whether the Arab side has made a revolutionary volte-face and is really ready to offer Israel peace - at a price - and what should Israel be ready to pay for such a peace.

Since returning home, Peres has claimed that he was misquoted, that

he "had not asked American Jews to take a decision in favour of the international conference, only to participate and to take a stand on matters of peace." The trouble with that denial is that conference chairman Morris Abram seems to have understood Peres's presentation differently, and according to local reports, so did an out-and-out dove like Arthur Hertzberg.

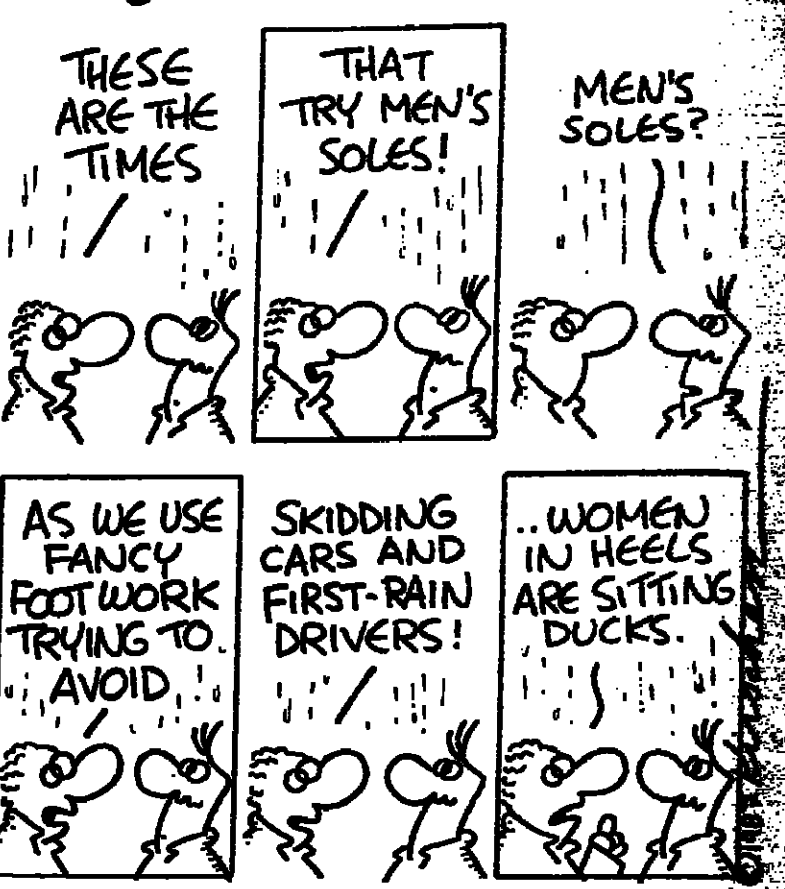
But peace is not what is being debated. Even Peres has admitted in the past few months that what is being spoken of is not "peace" but merely the continuation of a much vaguer and limited "peace process," whatever that means, in exchange for real Israeli concessions in the territories.

To paraphrase a well-known saw, the relationship between the international conference on peace in the Middle East and peace is akin to the relationship between military justice and justice. It is a legitimate to debate the tactics of whether Israel should desire and even push for such a conference, knowing the risks involved. But it is certainly not the sort of issue that in normal times should divide the Israeli public, and certainly not Diaspora Jewry.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is correct in expressing dismay at Peres's performance at the meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. The trouble is that Shamir himself isn't exactly coming into court with clean hands. I would take his dismay without tongue in cheek if I could recall, for example, his expressing similar dismay at the Lubavitcher Rebbe's periodic expression of support for Shamir's and the Likud's hawkish positions on the question of the territories. The truth is that there is quite a bit of cant, on both sides of the political fence, in regard to dragging American Jewry into divisive Israeli political issues.

THE REAL danger, however, is in

Dry Bones



egging Diaspora Jewry on to push outside forces into applying pressure on Israel. The American Jewish Congress, for example, is entitled to its opinion. The problem is that Peres expects that that opinion will be made known to the State Department and that State will then exert pressure on the recalcitrant part of the Israeli government.

The Americans were not happy from the start with the idea of an international conference that would allow the Soviets to return to playing a major role in mediating the Arab-Israeli conflict. The signs still indicate that at least Secretary of State George Shultz is still not deluding himself as to the prospects or the desirability of such a conference. Anyone who read his hemming and hawing performance at his recent press conference could not have come away with any other impression than that he was merely going through the motions.

In this sense, Shultz may well be saving us from ourselves. The con-

tinued highlighting of the entire issue, however, raises dangers not only for Israel but for the Labour Party, too. For in an election year, it opens the party up to charges that its leader is actively courting the intervention of the State Department against the Israeli government.

Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baram is wrong when he says that Labour can win the election around the conference issue. In order to win, Labour must compete with the Likud for those undecided "floating" voters in the middle. It is they who tend to be the most sceptical about the question of the conference. It would be wise for Peres and Labour to put the issue on the back burner for the remainder of the election campaign, which already promises to be the roughest in years. There is absolutely no danger that he would be endangering peace thereby.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

LT. MAURICE PERTSCHUK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - While researching a book on Jews who died in the armed forces during the last war, I received the information that Lt. Maurice Pertschuk OBE was hanged in March 1945 at Buchenwald concentration camp. This strange execution of a British officer is referred to in the book *The Dungeon Democracy*, by Christopher Bulmer.

Though a friend of Lt. Pertschuk, he does not give a reason for the

murder and I cannot enquire further of the author since he died in 1980.

If there are any readers who can shed any light on this matter, I would very much like to hear from them.

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AMERICAN JEWS' WARNING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir - After the recent visit of American Jews to Israel to officially present our views to Prime Minister Shamir and others in the government, the feed-back was horrendous!

If the State of Israel prepares its own destruction by alienating American Jewry, you will not receive support from my family or friends. Despite my feelings and support over the years, I and others who have been equally prominent and helpful will turn our backs on those of you who will remain in Israel.

American Jews are not afraid or dependent upon the Israelis for their

health and well-being, quite the contrary, Israelis need American Jewry as well as all Jewry or you will fail in the experiment of Zionism.

Evidently your leaders feel that we in the Diaspora will support Israel regardless of what Israel does. Please explain to the Israelis that they are treading on dangerous ground. Lack of continuous support from the American Jewish community will change the feelings of those of our friends who have the power to support Israel in concrete terms. Let them be aware of the reaction in our country to their foolishness.

LEONARD LURIA
 Miami Lakes, Florida.

KFAR BLUM PROGRAMME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, - Carl Schrag presented a warm and accurate account of Kfar Blum's America-Israel Secondary School Programme in his article of September 8. Unfortunately, he did not mention a fact that I stressed during my interview - namely that our programme was sponsored by the Department of Education of the World Zionist Organization and had

enjoyed its vital moral and material support for the past 19 years.

The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization are frequently maligned in the press, but here is a case where they should certainly be given due credit.

PINCHAS RIMON
 Programme Director,
 Kfar Blum.

LAVI

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 was creating a bad atmosphere. Rabin was speaking at a meeting of the IAI management. The defence minister said that contrary to media reports he had full confidence in IAI chairman Mordechai Hod and in director-general Moshe Keret.

The management did not participate in yesterday's demonstration by the worker's council of IAI. Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i, who spoke in the pouring rain, which dispersed most of the demonstrators, said that the government's decision had been made out of narrow party political considerations. As a former finance minister and as "someone who made a contribution to economic stability," Moda'i said, he was sure the revival of the Lavi would be good for the economy.

Knesset Member Rafael Eitan said that American pressure was behind the Lavi's cancellation. The Americans had their own interest in seeing that Israeli technology did not flourish, he said. He called on the workers not to lose hope and to increase the efficiency of "this giant company." (See p.4)

STRAUSS

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 products being poisoned. He praised the police handling of the matter, and said that it was "business as usual" at Strauss Dairies. The affair started five months ago, when Strauss was instructed in an anonymous letter to buy NIS 200,000 worth of unidentified diamonds to be turned over to the extortionist.

Strauss, who reported the matter to the police, was subsequently instructed by phone to go to the sea shore at Michmoret. There he found a parachute, tied to a weight to which was attached a letter. The letter instructed him to wait for another phone call.

The call gave him an exact location to make the drop of the diamonds from a light aircraft. A week later a phone call told him that he should watch for an advertisement in the columns of *Ma'ariv*, according to a pre-arranged code.

It was at this point that the police decided to participate in the operation and rent a light aircraft, which flew the pre-arranged route from Ashkelon to Haifa. Police followed in a helicopter.

Strauss was supposed to drop the diamonds when he saw a blinking light; but there was no light, so he did not drop the diamonds. A subsequent letter said: "You were three minutes early and you weren't alone."

As a result of this the man wrote that he had introduced germs and insects into Strauss products. The police worked out that the suspect was operating in the Ramat Gan-Bnei Brak-Kfar Sava area and they managed to discover five cartons of leaven with insects in them before they were sold to the public.

After a further flight in a light aircraft failed to result in a drop, the suspect apparently decided that this was not a good method and he told Michael Strauss to wait for him at a cafe in Rehov Dizengoff. He was to wear a white shirt and put the diamonds in a Winston cigarette packet on a table. Someone would pick them up and Strauss should wait 20 minutes so that he could escape.

"Don't be a hero," Strauss was told. "A weapon will be aiming at you."

Strauss went to the Dizengoff cafe at the appointed time, ordered coffee and put the cigarette packet on the table. Before the coffee arrived, a man entered, grabbed the packet and made off. With 200 policemen stationed in the area, there was little chance of escape.

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